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# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (139C-LA-127588)

Date 10/14/93

From : SA [redacted] (CE-6)

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Subject: JUSTIN PETERSEN;  
KEVIN POULSEN;  
ET AL;  
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OO: LOS ANGELES

Reference memo dated 9/24/93.

Trial in San Francisco is currently scheduled for  
10/25/93 concerning KEVIN POULSEN and SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] will travel to San Francisco for the purpose of trial testimony. It is noted that expenses in San Francisco incurred by [redacted]

[redacted] It is also noted that advanced funds received in this case will be forwarded to FBIHQ after this case is closed as specified in [redacted]

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Upon completion of the San Francisco trial, excluding a plea agreement, POULSEN will appear in Los Angeles for an initial appearance and a trial date will be set at that time. It is anticipated that the trial in Los Angeles will be scheduled sometime in March, 1994.

SEO/dw  
*[Signature]*

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (139C-LA-127588)

Date 10/18/93

From : SSA [redacted]

Subject: JUSTIN PETERSON;  
KEVIN POULSEN;  
ET AL;  
IOC  
OO: LOS ANGELES

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Re SA [redacted] memo 10/14/93.

The referenced memorandum sets forth the San Francisco and Los Angeles tentative trial dates for the captioned matter, and the fact that an advance of funds should be retained for this investigation; [redacted] expenses will be incurred for the San Francisco trial late October, 1993.

It is recommended the cash advance in this investigation be secured in ASAC PARKER's safe. Thereafter, the use of the cash advance should be accomplished by memorandum describing the estimated expenditure contemplated. The memorandum should be reviewed and approved by this writer. Once the approval has been noted on the memorandum, the case agent can remove funds from the cash advance in ASAC PARKER's office. A copy of the expenditure memorandum should be given to the squad case accountant, who completes the monthly voucher for the funds.

The aforementioned procedure will provide additional security for the cash advance in this investigation.

The cash advance for this investigation will be deposited with ASAC PARKER's secretary, accompanied by a copy of this memorandum, by 10/22/93.

1 - ASAC PARKER  
1 - SSA [redacted]  
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## SEARCH WARRANT ON WRITTEN AFFIDAVIT

United States District Court UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. 2270 Laurel Canyon Boulevard Hollywood, California		DISTRICT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
		DOCKET NO.
		MAGISTRATE'S CASE NO.
		TO:  ANY SPECIAL AGENT(S) WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED OFFICER

93-2266M

Affidavit(s) having been made before me by the below-named affiant that he/she has reason to believe that on the premises known as SEE ATTACHMENT A

in the CENTRAL District of CALIFORNIA

there is now being concealed certain property, namely: SEE ATTACHMENT B

and as I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the property so described is being concealed on the person or premises above-described and the grounds for application for issuance of the search warrant exist as stated in the supporting affidavit(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to search on or before ten (10) days (not to exceed 10 days) the person or place named above for the property specified, serving this warrant and making the search (in the daytime — 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.) (at any time in the day or night)\* and if the property be found there to seize it, leaving a copy of this warrant and receipt for the property taken, and prepare a written inventory of the property seized and promptly return this warrant to the duty U.S. Magistrate as required by law.

U.S. Judge or Magistrate

NAME OF AFFIANT  [Redacted]	b6 b7C	SIGNATURE OF [Redacted] OR US MAGISTRATE R.J. GROH, JR. U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE	DATE/TIME ISSUED October 22, 1993
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\*If a search is to be authorized "at any time in the day or night" pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure Rule 41(c), show reasonable cause therefor.

\*\*United States Judge or Judge of a State Court of Record.

DJS:jlp

ATTACHMENT A

The premises to be searched are described as follows:

2270 Laurel Canyon Boulevard is a two story stucco building, cream in color. On the ground level there is a olive colored gate with the numbers "2" "2" and "0" on it. There is a gap where the number "7" used to be and there is an outline where the number "7" used to be. Behind the olive gate, there is an exterior staircase leading to a second floor apartment which has a white colored door with glass panes in it. The premises to be searched consist of the second floor apartment located behind the white door.

Attachment B

The following records, documents and items are to be seized which constitute fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of the crimes of computer fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1030, and fraud in connection with access devices in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029:

- a. Any information, printed or otherwise, referring to credit card account numbers, credit card authorization codes, social security numbers or other information pertaining to access codes or access devices;
- b. Computer equipment, including terminals, hard disk drives, floppy diskettes, terminals, modems, cartridges, tapes, laser disks;
- c. Computer manuals;
- d. Telephones and other telephone components;
- e. Records, as used above, shall also include, but is not limited to, any and all information and/or data stored in the form of magnetic or electronic coding on computer media or on media capable of being read by a computer or with the aid of computer related equipment. This media includes, but is not limited to, floppy diskettes, fixed hard disks, removable hard disk cartridges, tapes, laser disks, video cassettes, and any other media which is capable of storing magnetic coding; any and all electronic devices which are capable of analyzing, creating, displaying, converting, or transmitting electronic or magnetic computer impulses or data, including, but not limited to, computers, computer components, computer peripherals, word

processing equipment, modems, monitors, printers, plotters, encryption circuit boards, optical scanners, external hard drives, and other computer related electronic devices; and any and all instructions or programs stored in the form interpreted by a computer or related components, including, but not limited to, operating systems, application software, utility programs, compilers, interpreters, and any other programs or software used to communicate with computer hardware or peripherals either directly or indirectly via telephone lines, radio, or other means of transmission; any and all written or printed material which provides instructions or examples concerning the operation of a computer system, computer software, and/or any related device.



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10/29/93

Pursuant to a search warrant executed at 2270 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Hollywood, California, where JUSTIN PETERSEN was residing, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] advised that he met PETERSEN at the RAINBOW CLUB on Sunset Boulevard approximately one year ago. Subsequently, [redacted]

[redacted] eight to nine months. PETERSEN claimed to be involved in nightclub promotions on Friday and Saturday nights, specifically, NUCLEUS NUANCE, 7267 Melrose Avenue, Hollywood, California.

[redacted] initially knew PETERSEN as "ERIC HEINZ" until PETERSEN produced a "Los Angeles Times" newspaper article concerning his cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) about a particular case. At that point, [redacted] realized that HEINZ' true name was JUSTIN PETERSEN. [redacted] believes that PETERSEN was also using another alias with the last name starting with a "B."

[redacted] was unaware of where PETERSEN conducted his banking and he did not observe PETERSEN use credit cards with other individuals names.

[redacted] stated that PETERSEN purchased a laminating machine but [redacted] did not see PETERSEN use the machine for producing identification cards. [redacted] said that PETERSEN used the machine to make "free drink cards" for his nightclub.

  
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[redacted]  
[redacted] added that PETERSEN installed an antenna on the roof in order to get better reception for his "scanners."

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by SA [redacted] dw Date dictated 10/22/93

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Date of transcription

11/1/93

[redacted] **HOUSEHOLD CREDIT SERVICES,**  
telephone number (800) 395-8141, Ext. [redacted] was telephonically  
contacted and informed that JUSTIN PETERSEN, also known as (aka)  
Eric Heinz, may be using a stolen GM credit card issued to  
[redacted] Thereafter, [redacted] provided the following  
information:

[redacted] stated that [redacted] initially made an inquiry to  
obtain a GM card on July 20, 1993 and on August 20, 1993, [redacted]  
notified the GM Credit Bureau that he had not received his GM  
credit card. [redacted] listed his employment as EXECUTIVE LIFE  
INSURANCE, 11444 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, California,  
telephone number [redacted] and his home address as [redacted]  
[redacted] Hollywood, California, telephone number [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that he began receiving GM card  
statements for charges he did not make. [redacted] added that  
[redacted] mailbox is behind a locked gate in the apartment complex  
and a key is needed to open the mailbox.

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[redacted] stated that the GM card was activated on  
August 11, 1993 from telephone number [redacted] and the  
account was closed on August 20, 1993 as a result of fraudulent  
activity. [redacted] stated there were no cameras located at the ATM  
locations. The matter has been referred to the Postal  
Inspectors, although [redacted] believes the Postal Inspectors will  
not investigate this matter due to the low dollar amount.

[redacted] provided the following information concerning  
credit card transactions for the period August 11 - August 18,  
1993:

(telephonically)

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	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Golden Rule Liquor-West Hollywood	\$ 55.57	8/11/93
Computer Palace	416.08	8/12/93 [redacted]
Cash Advance-ATM	300.00	8/13/93
Cash Advance-ATM	300.00	8/14/93
Alpha Beta	94.78	8/14/93
Cash Advance-ATM	300.00	8/16/93
Cash Advance-ATM	300.00	8/17/93
Cash Advance-ATM	260.00	8/18/93

[redacted] also faxed a copy of the receipt from GOLDEN RULE LIQUOR signed by [redacted] and a COMPUTER PALACE invoice, number 42331 and a GM charge receipt for a Maxtor 345 hard drive for a computer.

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Date 10/26/93

FM FBI LOS ANGELES (139C-LA-127588)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/PRIORITY/

FBI SAN FRANCISCO (139A-SF-335)/PRIORITY/

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CITE: //3410:CE-6//

PASS: ECONOMIC CRIMES UNIT.

SUBJECT: CHANGED; JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN-FUGITIVE (B); KEVIN

POULSEN; [REDACTED] IOC; OO: LOS

ANGELES.

TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO DESIGNATE PETERSEN AS A FUGITIVE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, IN 7/92, PETERSEN PLED

GUILTY TO MULTIPLE FELONY COUNTS OF COMPUTER FRAUD BEFORE USDC

JUDGE STEPHEN WILSON, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

ON 10/13/93, [REDACTED] RECENTLY MET WITH PETERSEN AT PETERSEN'S RENTED APARTMENT IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. WHILE IN PETERSEN'S APARTMENT, [REDACTED] COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, ELECTRONIC SCANNERS, RADIO RECEIVERS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC PARAPHERNALIA USED TO MONITOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

OBSERVED VARIOUS PHONE BILLS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S NAMES, A DEFINITIONAL LOG OF CODED WORDS AND A LAMINATOR USED TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

A SUBSEQUENT REVIEW OF PETERSEN'S TRASH REFLECTED THAT PETERSEN WAS POSSIBLY ENGAGED IN CREDIT CARD FRAUD.

AS A RESULT OF [REDACTED] INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS RETRIEVED FROM PETERSEN'S TRASH, PETERSEN AND HIS LAWYER WERE

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ASKED TO APPEAR AT THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, LOS ANGELES ON 10/22/93. DURING THIS MEETING, PETERSEN STATED THAT HE WAS CURRENTLY RESIDING AT 2270 LAUREL CANYON BOULEVARD

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PETERSEN WAS ASKED IF HE HAD ENGAGED IN ANY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY WHILE OUT ON BAIL AND HE WAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED IF HE HAD BEEN USING CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO OTHER INDIVIDUALS. PETERSEN ADMITTED THAT HE HAD, IN FACT, BEEN USING OTHER PEOPLE'S CREDIT CARDS AND AT THAT POINT, PETERSEN ASKED TO SPEAK WITH HIS ATTORNEY. PETERSEN AND HIS ATTORNEY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD RETURN SHORTLY AND PETERSEN THEN FLED THE COURTHOUSE.

ON 10/22/93, USDC JUDGE STEPHEN WILSON REVOKED PETERSEN'S BOND AND ISSUED A BENCH WARRANT FOR PETERSEN'S ARREST.

SAME DATE, A SEARCH WARRANT WAS EXECUTED AT PETERSEN'S RESIDENCE, 2270 LAUREL CANYON BOULEVARD, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. AS A RESULT OF THE SEARCH, COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER RELATED MATERIAL ALONG WITH A FRAUDULENT POSTAL EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION BADGE WITH PETERSEN'S PHOTOGRAPH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**LOS ANGELES WILL KEEP THE BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO  
APPRISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.**

**PETERSEN ENTERED INTO NCIC.**

**SAN FRANCISCO AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: SAN  
FRANCISCO IS REQUESTED TO SUTEL RESULTS OF LAST HEARING  
CONCERNING POULSEN WITH USDC JUDGE, SAN JOSE AND DATES FOR  
FUTURE HEARING AND TRIAL. ALSO, WHAT DOCUMENTS AND/OR RECORDS  
MAY BE NEEDED IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS TO SUPPORT SAN  
FRANCISCO TRIAL REGARDING KEVIN POULSEN.**

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To: Director, FBI  
 Att: Criminal Investigative Division  
 Fugitive Unit

Date:

From: SAC, LOS ANGELES (139C-LA-127588)  
 NOTE: Priority "A" and "B" Fugitives - With initial submission,  
 (P) set forth a synopsis of crime on reverse side.  
 Subject: JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN- FUGITIVE (B)  
 UFAP-INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATION  
 (OO: LOS ANGELES)

 Initial Submission Supplements FD-65 dated \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Fugitive Priority

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Caution	MKE	Name	NAM	Sex	SEX	Race	RAC
	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETERSEN, JUSTIN TANNER		M			
Place of Birth	POB	Birth Date	DOB	Height	HGT	Weight	WGT
DC		7/28/60		510		170	
Eye Color	EYE	Hair Color	HAI	FBI No.	FBI	Skin Tone	SKN
HAZEL		BROWN		287020AA9			
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc.	SMT						
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Offense Charged OFF UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION							
U. S. Code, Title and Section TITLE 18, U.S.C. 1030							
Warrant Issued By JUDGE STEVEN WILSON on 10/22/93				DOW	F.O. File # OCA		
Date PBV or Bond Default Case Referred to Office WAR/139c-127588				139C-127588			
Miscellaneous Including Bond Recommended INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATION; STOLEN CRED CARD VIOLATIONS; DETENTION				MIS	Fingerprint Classification (Henry System)		

LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION							
License Plate Number	LIC	State	LIS	Year Expires	LIY	License Plate Type	LIT
Vehicle Identification #	VIN	Year	VYR	Make	VMA	Model	VMO
Aliases	HEINZ, ERIC MARTIN; JASON, MARTIN HEINZ, ERIC E; JASON, MARTIN M MILLER, MATT E; GROSSMAN, SAMUELL	Additional Identifiers		HEINZ, ERIC; HINES, ERIC PETERS, JAMES E SSN. ADB'S: 11/27/59, 7/29/60 546-85-8244			

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/15/93

Hollywood, California, telephone number [redacted] was telephonically contacted concerning [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was his cousin from [redacted] who was involved in a rock-and-roll band. [redacted] stated that [redacted] stayed with him for a short period of time at [redacted] Hollywood, California.

[redacted] is described as a white male, approximately [redacted] years old, 5'9", 160 pounds, thinning brown hair, hazel eyes and speaks with [redacted] accent.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/15/93

As a result of documents previously provided by [redacted] indicating that JUSTIN PETERSEN may be using a fictitious name of TONY STEVENS with a bank account established at [redacted] Hollywood, California, a Federal Grand Jury Subpoena was served on [redacted]  
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by SA [redacted] DW Date dictated 11/12/93

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/15/93

Pursuant to a search warrant executed at 2270 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Hollywood, California, on October 26, 1993, colored photographs were seized [redacted]  
[redacted]

Subsequently, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] was asked to review these photographs to determine the location and approximate date when these photographs were taken.

On November 15, 1993, SA [redacted] advised that these photographs were [redacted] or [redacted] SA [redacted] advised that [redacted] was conducted in the vicinity of [redacted] California. SA [redacted] advised that the photographs depicted [redacted] going to [redacted] while the subject's whereabouts were unknown.

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by SA [redacted] /dw Date dictated 11/15/93

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription

11/30/93

On November 22, 1993, [REDACTED] owner of the property located at [REDACTED] Hollywood, California, telephone number [REDACTED] telephonically advised that he had received a telephone call from JUSTIN PETERSEN on Saturday night at approximately 10:45 p.m. After some general discussion, PETERSEN informed [REDACTED] that he was out of the country.

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(telephonically)

Investigation on 11/22/93 at Los Angeles, CA File # 139C-LA-127588b6  
b7Cby SA [REDACTED] /dw Date dictated 11/22/93

# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (139C-LA-127588)

Date 11/30/93

From : SA [redacted] (CE-6)

Subject: JUSTIN PETERSEN - FUGITIVE;  
KEVIN POULSEN;

[redacted]  
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As a result of receiving information of criminal wrongdoing by subject PETERSEN, PETERSEN and his [redacted] [redacted] appeared at the United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles on 10/22/93. During this meeting, PETERSEN stated that he was currently residing at 2270 Laurel Canyon Boulevard. PETERSEN was asked if he had engaged in any criminal activity while out on bail and he was specifically asked if he had been using credit cards issued to other individuals. PETERSEN admitted that he had, in fact, been using other people's credit cards and at that point, PETERSEN asked to speak with his attorney. PETERSEN and his attorney indicated that they would return shortly and PETERSEN then fled the courthouse. Same date, U.S. District Court Judge STEPHEN WILSON revoked PETERSEN's bond and issued a bench warrant for PETERSEN's arrest.

Same date, a search warrant was executed at PETERSEN's residence, 2270 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Hollywood, California. As a result of the search, computers and computer related material along with a fraudulent postal employee identification badge with PETERSEN's photograph [redacted]

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On 11/8/93, [redacted] entered a plea of guilty to one count of Title 18, Section 1029, Interception of Communications, as part of a plea agreement. [redacted] is scheduled for sentencing on 5/16/94.

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It is anticipated that trial concerning captioned matter will be in the early part of 1994.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (139C-LA-127588)

Date 12/6/93

From : SA [redacted] (CE-6)

Subject: JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN - FUGITIVE (B);  
KEVIN POULSEN.

[redacted]  
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OO: LOS ANGELES

Captioned subjects were involved in a sophisticated  
computer hacking scheme in Los Angeles. [redacted]

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As a result of information recently received indicating  
that PETERSEN may be involved in criminal activities, on  
10/22/93, PETERSEN and his attorney appeared at the U.S.  
Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, California. PETERSEN had  
previously pled guilty to multiple felony counts of computer  
fraud [redacted]

[redacted] During this meeting, PETERSEN stated that he is  
currently residing at 2270 Laurel Canyon Boulevard [redacted]

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PETERSEN was asked if he had engaged in any criminal activity  
while out on bail and he was specifically asked if he had been  
using stolen credit cards. PETERSEN admitted that he had, in  
fact, been using other individuals credit cards and at that  
point, PETERSEN asked to speak with his attorney. PETERSEN and  
his attorney indicated that they would return shortly and  
PETERSEN then fled the courthouse.

On 10/22/93, U.S. District Court Judge STEPHEN WILSON  
revoked PETERSEN's bond and issued a bench warrant for PETERSEN's  
arrest.

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Same date, a search warrant was executed at PETERSEN's residence, 2270 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Hollywood, California. As a result of the search, computers and computer related material along with a fraudulent postal employee identification badge with PETERSEN's photograph [redacted]

[redacted]  
Subsequently, SA [redacted] On 11/15/93, SA [redacted]  
advised that the [redacted] believes the [redacted]  
[redacted] was  
connected to case entitled [redacted] a money laundering case  
assigned to SA [redacted] - 166E-LA-141567.

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Subsequently, SA [redacted] was contacted and advised of the above. [redacted] advised that the case involved extensive [redacted] however, SA [redacted] does not recall any incident to conclude that his investigation was compromised. The case is currently in trial and one of the subjects remains a fugitive.

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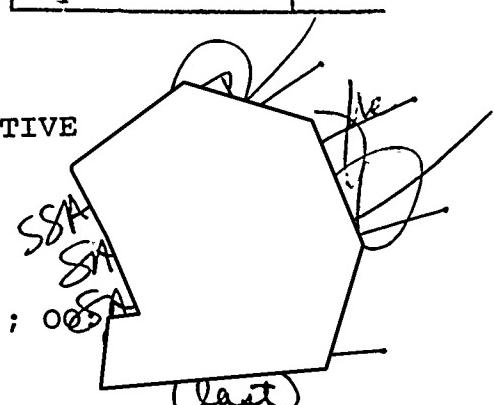
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RE: TELCONF AMONG AUSA [REDACTED] L.A., AUSA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] S.F., AND SA [REDACTED] S.F., 10/19/93; TELCAL SA

[REDACTED] L.A. AND SA [REDACTED] 12/6/93.

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FPI 12/11/91.

THIS COMMUNICATION SHALL CONFIRM THE UNDERSTANDING  
REACHED IN RE: TELCONF THAT FBI/L.A. WOULD TIMELY PRODUCE  
UNIX-BASED COMPUTER CARTRIDGE(S) CONTAINING VERBATIM COPY OF  
THE SUBJECT'S FILES FOR PRODUCTION TO DEFENSE COUNSEL. THIS  
SHALL FURTHER CONFIRM AGREEMENT WITH AUSA [REDACTED] THAT THE  
TAPES WOULD NOT CONTAIN THE TEXT OF "PRIVILEGED" FILES WHICH  
LOS ANGELES INTENDED TO WITHHOLD FROM DISCOVERY BY SAN  
FRANCISCO DEFENSE COUNSEL.

IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS AND TRIAL  
PREPARATIONS IN THIS MATTER HAVE CONSUMED SIGNIFICANT AGENT  
TIME IN BOTH DIVISIONS. NEVERTHELESS, COURT-MANDATED  
DISCOVERY MUST PROCEED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. THE NEXT PRE-  
TRIAL HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 13, 1993, AT SAN JOSE,  
CALIFORNIA. AUSA [REDACTED] EXPECTS TO COMPLETE DISCOVERY OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COMPUTER TAPES PRIOR TO THAT HEARING.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES:

WILL PROVIDE SAN FRANCISCO WITH TWO COMPUTER COPIES OF  
NON-PRIVILEGED DISCOVERY MATERIALS, AND FULL DISCLOSURE LIST

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LEGED MATERIALS, BY COB 12/10/93.

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[Redacted]

Special Agent [Redacted]  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
The Federal Building  
11000 Wilshire Boulevard, 17th Flr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

December 9, 1993

Dear [Redacted]

Thanks for taking a moment to talk to me the other day even though due to the pending cases you can't say much. I was organizing some of my material the other day and thought you might find this interesting. It's a tape of [Redacted] and Poulsen winning [Redacted] from KissFM (the station supplied the tape after I called them about 20 times).

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# Key Evidence in Computer Spy Case Disallowed

**Courts:** Data tapes found in a storage locker rented by accused hacker should not have been examined by prosecutors without a search warrant, judge rules.

*From Times Staff and Wire Reports*

Key evidence in an espionage case against a former North Hollywood man accused of several computer hacking crimes was illegally obtained, a federal judge ruled Monday.

U.S. District Judge Ronald Whyte in San Jose said computer tapes found in a storage locker rented by Kevin Lee Poulsen should not have been examined by prosecutors without a search warrant and cannot be used as evidence.

Whyte had ruled the tapes admissible last month but changed his mind, saying he had overlooked evidence that should have put a police officer on notice of Poulsen's privacy rights.

In addition to illegal possession of classified government secrets, Poulsen faces 13 other charges, including eavesdropping on telephone conversations, and tapping into Pacific Bell's computer and an unclassified military computer network. He could be sentenced to 85 years in prison if convicted of all charges.

His lawyer, Paul Meltzer of Santa Cruz, said the sole evidence of the espionage charge is contained on one of the storage locker tapes. Meltzer said a government analyst found that the tape contained a 1987 order, classified secret, concerning a military exercise.

Meltzer said Poulsen maintains that he would not have knowingly possessed military secrets.

Poulsen also faces a trial in Los Angeles on charges that he used his computer skills to defraud a radio station during a Porsche automobile giveaway contest in 1990.

The lawyer said Poulsen, who has been in jail since 1991, has served enough time to be eligible for immediate release even if convicted of all the other charges in the San Jose case. His trial is scheduled to start Jan. 14. Assistant U.S. Atty. Robert Crowe could not be reached for comment.

Poulsen, who lived in Menlo Park at the time of his arrest in the San Jose case, worked in the mid-1980s as a consultant testing Pentagon computer security. He was arrested in 1988 on some of the hacking charges, disappeared and was picked up in April, 1991, after a tip prompted by a television show.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (139C-LA-127588) Date 1/5/94

From : SA [redacted] (CE-6)

Subject: JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN -  
FUGITIVE (B),  
ET AL;  
IOC;  
OO: LOS ANGELES

On 1/3/94, SA [redacted] San Francisco FBI, advised that U.S. District Court Judge RONALD WHYTE, San Jose, has reversed his earlier ruling concerning SF FBI's evidence in captioned matter. During a suppression hearing in November, 1993 in San Jose, Judge WHYTE ruled in favor of the government by ruling the evidence seized in POULSEN's storage locker in Menlo Park, California, admissible, however, after further consideration, Judge WHYTE ruled that the evidence seized from the storage locker by law enforcement authorities was inadmissible.

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A status hearing will be held in San Jose on 1/5/94 where AUSA [redacted] San Jose, will file an appeal concerning Judge WHYTE's ruling. In the event the judge does not change his ruling, the matter will be appealed to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals which will cause an approximate six-month delay in SF FBI case.

In the interim, Los Angeles FBI will arrange to transport POULSEN via a writ, to Los Angeles for an initial appearance and set a trial date in Los Angeles concerning captioned matter.

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SUBJECT: KEVIN LEE POULSEN; ESP - X (COMPUTER HACKING); OO:  
SAN FRANCISCO.

RE: SF TTP 1/4/94.

FFI 12/11/91.

ON 1/14/94, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE RONALD M. WHYTE DENIED  
SUBJECT'S REQUEST FOR BAIL FROM THE INDICTMENT PENDING IN THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA. JUDGE WHYTE RULED THAT

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POULSEN CONSTITUTES A DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY AND A  
SIGNIFICANT FLIGHT RISK.

TRIAL ON THAT INDICTMENT WILL BE DELAYED SEVERAL MONTHS  
PENDING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL FROM JUDGE  
WHYTE'S 1/3/94 ORDER SUPPRESSING CERTAIN COMPUTER EVIDENCE.

AUSA [REDACTED] WILL RELEASE POULSEN TO LOS ANGELES  
CUSTODY FOR TRIAL ON THE CENTRAL DISTRICT INDICTMENT  
IMMEDIATELY UPON PETITION OF AUSA [REDACTED] LOS  
ANGELES, TO THE U.S. MARSHAL IN SAN JOSE.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/28/94

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]  
[redacted] Hollywood, California, telephone  
number [redacted] pager number [redacted]  
was contacted and interviewed concerning the whereabouts of  
JUSTIN PETERSEN and [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that approximately two weeks ago,  
PETERSEN paged him to a pay telephone with a 213 area code.  
PETERSEN told [redacted] that he was leaving town although he did  
not say where he was going. [redacted] suspects that PETERSEN has  
left town because he has not seen him at the nightclubs in  
Hollywood. [redacted] recalled that several weeks ago, PETERSEN  
left a message on his answering machine saying [redacted]  
[redacted] concluded that PETERSEN probably is in  
Mexico because of the difficulty in extraditing someone to the  
United States.

[redacted] stated that the last time he saw PETERSEN was  
sometime around Halloween, 1993. At the time, PETERSEN had not  
changed his appearance and he was driving the same early model  
black BMW.

[redacted] stated that he earns approximately [redacted] a  
year [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that he would not  
jeopardize his job by getting involved with PETERSEN. [redacted]  
stated that PETERSEN [redacted] he is not  
involved in PETERSEN's criminal activities.

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by SA [redacted] /dw Date dictated 1/27/94

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (139C-LA-127588)

Date 2/1/94

From : SA [redacted] (CE-6)

Subject: JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN;  
KEVIN POULSEN;  
[redacted]

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IOC;  
OO: LOS ANGELES

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Following is a summary of events and PETERSEN's association with KEVIN POULSEN.  
[redacted]

The federal case relating to POULSEN originated in February, 1988 when a self storage company in Menlo Park, California, opened a storage unit for inspection due to deficient rental payments. The office manager discovered that the storage unit contained stolen [redacted] equipment and local police were notified. Subsequently, an individual purporting to be JOHN ANDERSON appeared at the rental office concerning this particular storage unit. ANDERSON was arrested and subsequently determined to be KEVIN POULSEN. Following POULSEN's arrest, the police department notified the FBI.

Investigation determined that much of the equipment located in the storage unit and from POULSEN's residence, [redacted] was stolen PAC BELL equipment. [redacted] they were involved in extensive computer fraud, illegal break-ins, burglaries, the illegal and [redacted]

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[redacted] POULSEN [redacted] were also responsible for use of blank PAC BELL identification cards, card laminating and copying machines and fictitious social security cards. POULSEN is believed to have wire-tapped telephone conversations between persons he knew, or was believed to be, infatuated with, socially. Devices were seized that would allow this illegal

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monitoring/recording of other party's telephonic conversation. As juveniles in 1980, POULSEN, [REDACTED] were arrested for computer hacking. Sometime in 1984, Stanford Research Institute (SRI) hired POULSEN [REDACTED] for their computer expertise. In 1985 or 1986, [REDACTED] left SRI and went to work for [REDACTED]. It is noted that SRI and [REDACTED] contract with the Federal Government to research secret and sensitive projects. Sometime between 1986 and 1988, POULSEN befriended PETERSEN [REDACTED] and proceeded to instruct PETERSEN in all facets of the [REDACTED] phone system. Subsequently, POULSEN closely aligned himself with PETERSEN [REDACTED]

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On 10/25/89, POULSEN, [REDACTED] were indicted by Federal Grand Jury on 19 counts to include Title 18, Section 2511-Interception Of Oral Communications and Section 2511-Possessing Electric Devices Whose Primary Purpose Is The Surreptitious Interception Of Electric Communications.

On 11/1/89, an arrest warrant was issued for POULSEN in the Northern District of California, pursuant to the indictment. Also on 11/2/89, arrest warrants were issued for [REDACTED] charging them with conspiracy.

While a fugitive, POULSEN was featured on the network television series "Unsolved Mysteries" in October, 1990 and again in March, 1991.

On 4/11/91, employees at HUGHES MARKET located in Van Nuys, California, recognized a customer in the store as POULSEN. FBI agents had distributed photographs of POULSEN in the area. Subsequently, the HUGHES employees detained POULSEN and notified the FBI. POULSEN is currently awaiting trial in the San Francisco area. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Following POULSEN's arrest in Los Angeles, POULSEN made collect calls to [REDACTED] that he had been arrested. POULSEN instructed [REDACTED] "take care of as much as you can" so that nothing in his apartment would lead to anything else or any other location. However, POULSEN advised [REDACTED] that authorities did get his wallet with [REDACTED] license plate number. In a subsequent call to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] POULSEN instructed [REDACTED] to "get rid of that paper, burn it if you can", referring to the paper that [REDACTED] had written a message he had provided to [REDACTED] the previous day. POULSEN also told [REDACTED] that, [REDACTED] is going to be looking for some of my stuff, some security stuff" and again requested

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that [redacted] get rid of the paper that [redacted] wrote everything down on. In another call, POULSEN had asked [redacted] had talked to [redacted] had not contacted [redacted]. POULSEN informed [redacted] to keep trying to get a hold of [redacted]

On 4/14/91, [redacted] removed POULSEN's computer equipment and all related material from POULSEN's apartment to TARZANA SELF STORAGE. Based on statements made by [redacted] to the FBI on 4/30/91, [redacted] the name of an attorney that KEVIN POULSEN may want to contact and also told [redacted]  
[redacted] what the stuff was and [redacted] said [redacted]

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Sometime in November, 1990, PETERSEN, after stealing a Porsche in the Los Angeles area, drove to Dallas, Texas, where he was arrested by local authorities on 6/21/91, for possession of a stolen vehicle, and credit card fraud. Subsequently, United States Secret Service (USSS) and U.S. Postal Inspector, in conjunction with local authorities, executed a local search warrant at PETERSEN's residence. Evidence seized included an IBM PC-XT computer, approximately 200 computer diskettes, numerous false birth certificates, TRW Credit Bureau printouts that corresponded to telephone long distance toll records and TRW computers access records, numerous computer and telephone company manuals. [redacted]  
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[redacted] As a result, [redacted] and POULSEN were able to successfully manipulate the telephone lines to the radio stations where they became the recipient of cash awards and trips to Hawaii.

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[redacted]  
also manipulated the telephone lines to Los Angeles radio stations using the SAS system and as a result, [redacted] POULSEN had won over \$100,000 in cash and trips to Hawaii. [redacted]

[redacted] using a temporary driver's license in the name of [redacted] won a \$36,000 944 Porsche from KIIS radio station in Los Angeles and on 6/1/90, POULSEN using a temporary driver's license in the name of MIKE PETERS also won a 944 Porsche from KIIS radio station. Subsequently, both POULSEN [redacted] sold the vehicles within a week for approximately \$31,000. [redacted]

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On 10/13/92, information was uncovered to indicate that PETERSEN was involved in criminal activity, specifically, credit card fraud. As a result, PETERSEN and his lawyer were asked to appear at the United States Attorney's Office on 10/22/93. During this meeting, PETERSEN was asked if he had engaged in any criminal activity while out on bail and he was specifically asked if he had been using stolen credit cards. PETERSEN admitted that he had, in fact, been using other people's credit cards and at that point, PETERSEN asked to speak with his attorney. PETERSEN and his attorney indicated that they would return shortly and PETERSEN then fled the courthouse. Same date, U.S. District Court Judge STEVEN WILSON revoked PETERSEN's bail and issued a bench warrant for PETERSEN's arrest. Same date, a search warrant was executed at PETERSEN's residence. As a result of the search, computers and computer related material along with a fraudulent

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postal employee identification badge with PETERSEN's photograph

[redacted] PETERSEN remains a fugitive in this investigation.

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Presently, U.S. District Court Judge RONALD WHYTE, San Jose, California, has recently ruled that a portion of San Francisco FBI's evidence in their case to be inadmissible. Consequently, U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco has filed an appeal concerning Judge WHYTE's ruling. Within the next 2 weeks, POULSEN will be transported to Los Angeles for an initial appearance and it is anticipated that trial in Los Angeles will be held sometime in March, 1994. POULSEN's initial appearance in Los Angeles is scheduled for 2/22/94.

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SUBJECT: JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN - FUGITIVE (B); KEVIN

POULSEN; [REDACTED] IOC; OO: LOS  
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REFERENCE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED 10/26/93.

ON 2/22/94, SUBJECT POULSEN APPEARED BEFORE U.S.

MAGISTRATE McMAHON, CENTRAL DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA, FOR HIS POST  
 INDICTMENT ARRAIGNMENT. MAGISTRATE McMAHON SET A TRIAL DATE  
 FOR 4/12/94 BEFORE U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE REAL, LOS  
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[REDACTED] OF THE LAW FIRM MELTZER AND LEEMING,  
REPRESENTED POULSEN IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT CONCERNING  
POULSEN'S PENDING CASE AND THEY HAVE FILED A MOTION TO  
REPRESENT POULSEN IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT. MAGISTRATE McMAHON  
DEFERRED THE RULING TO JUDGE REAL AND PANEL ATTORNEY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IS CURRENTLY POULSEN'S ASSIGNED ATTORNEY.

LOS ANGELES WILL KEEP FBIHQ APPRISED OF ANY FURTHER  
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[redacted] telephone number [redacted]  
telephonically advised that he was called by JUSTIN PETERSEN  
approximately [redacted] PETERSEN said that [redacted]  
[redacted] on Wednesday (February 23, 1994), however,  
he has not been re-contacted by PETERSEN. PETERSEN told [redacted]  
[redacted] in the  
Washington, D.C. area. [redacted] stated that PETERSEN had initially  
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ago, PETERSEN furnished [redacted] with telephone number [redacted]  
[redacted] believes that this is the number [redacted]

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Date 3/1/94

TO : ADIC, WMFO  
 (ATTN: SA [redacted] Tysons Corner RA)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (139C-LA-127588) (CE-6)

SUBJECT : JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN - FUGITIVE (B);  
 KEVIN POULSEN;  
 [redacted]

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 IOC;  
 OO: LOS ANGELES

Reference telephone call to SA [redacted] on 2/28/94.

Enclosed are two photographs of JUSTIN PETERSEN.

Captioned subjects were involved in a sophisticated computer hacking scheme in Los Angeles where they were able to obtain computer passwords by physical entry into numerous central offices of [redacted]. These burglaries resulted in the hackers obtaining technical manuals, master keys to office space and cipher pad codes.

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On July 20, 1992, PETERSEN pled guilty before U.S. District Court Judge STEPHEN WILSON, Los Angeles, to six felony counts to include Title 18, Sections 1030, 2511 and 2313.

On October 22, 1993, PETERSEN and his attorney were asked to appear at the United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, as a result of source information recently received by the FBI indicating that PETERSEN may be involved in criminal activities. During this meeting, PETERSEN was asked if he had engaged in any criminal activities while out on bail and he was specifically asked if he had been using stolen credit cards. PETERSEN admitted that he had, in fact, been using stolen credit cards and at that point, PETERSEN asked to speak with his attorney privately. PETERSEN and his attorney indicated that they would return shortly and PETERSEN then fled the courthouse.

On October 22, 1993, U.S. District Court Judge WILSON revoked PETERSEN's bond and issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

Same date, a search warrant was executed at PETERSEN's residence, 2270 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Hollywood, California. As a result of the search, computers and computer related material along with a fraudulent postal employee identification badge with PETERSEN's photograph [Redacted]

[Redacted]

On February 28, 1994, PETERSEN's [Redacted] advised that PETERSEN had called him approximately [Redacted] PETERSEN said that [Redacted] Wednesday (2/23/94), however, [Redacted] has not been re-contacted by PETERSEN. PETERSEN told [Redacted] in the Washington, D.C. area. [Redacted] stated that PETERSEN had given him [Redacted] telephone number [Redacted] a few months ago.

[Redacted]  
approximately [Redacted] Annandale, Virginia, telephone number [Redacted] (home), telephone number [Redacted] (work).

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It is noted that PETERSEN always [redacted]

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PETERSEN is described as follows:

Name:	JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN
Aliases:	Eric Heinz, Martin Jason, Mark Strauss, Jonathan William Taylor, Donald Diers
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	7/28/60
Place of Birth:	Washington, D.C.
Height:	6'
Weight:	145 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown--shoulder length
SSAN:	508-92-8037
FBI Number:	287 020 AA9
Other Identifying Information:	Prosthetic left leg below the knee
Vehicle:	Early 70s black BMW, California license 3CPU645

PETERSEN is not known to carry any kind of weapon.

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At Tysons Corner: Discreetly determine through surveillance if PETERSEN is at [redacted] b6  
Annandale, Virginia. [redacted] b7C should not be contacted in the event Los Angeles decides to utilize a mail cover.

Locate and arrest PETERSEN.

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BYLINE: MICHAEL FLEMING

**PAR'S HACK ATTACK:** Though the minds of Paramount execs have surely been on potential whackings, computer hacking was the chief focus of execs Bob Jaffe and John Goldwyn last week. The execs got Par to pay a low six-figure fee against mid-six figures to Jonathan Littman for the rights to make a movie from his Sept. 12 L.A. Times Magazine article "The Last Hacker," and major names are lining up to be involved. It's the story of Kevin Lee Poulson, a skilled computer hacker who was so inventive he once disabled the phone system of KIIS-FM so he could be the 102nd caller and win the \$50,000 Porsche giveaway.

More seriously, he's been charged with using his expertise to breach national security by accessing top secret files and selling the information. He's even suspected of disabling the phone systems of "Unsolved Mysteries" after he was profiled, so that callers couldn't furnish clues to his whereabouts. Poulson was caught and has been in jail for the last three years, facing more than 100 years in prison.

ICM agent Kris Dahl got Littman to turn the article into a book for Little, Brown, and ICM's Irene Webb racked up yet another sale for the screen rights to the hacker story. It was a vigorous tug of war between Touchstone, which was trying to purchase it for "City Slickers" director Ron Underwood, and Paramount, chasing it for producer Oren Koules.

Littman chose Koules, and now, Dish hears, Underwood wants to join Koules to direct. Littman, meanwhile, has remained tight with the underground community of hackers as he researches his book. That takes its toll. Among other things, the mischief meisters have already changed his voice mail greeting to render an obscene proposal.

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Date 3/7/94

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES  
 (ATTN: SA [REDACTED])

FROM [REDACTED] : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO ([REDACTED]) (SQ 3).

SUBJECT : KEVIN LEE POULSEN, AKA;  
 ESP-X (COMPUTER HACKING);  
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Enclosed for Los Angeles is one copy each of the following documents: 1) Government Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Bail (filed 1/12/94); 2) Government Witness List (not filed); 3) Complete set of FD-302s from the subfile.

It is noted that the enclosed Witness List (Northern District case) is not complete. It does not include several names of individuals employed at SRI International who are anticipated as rebuttal witnesses.

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 FROM [REDACTED] SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (65X-SF-98039) (SQ 3)  
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Enclosed for Los Angeles is the original of each of the following items from pending SF file 139-335: 1) 1A(36): R-84 and photographs; 2) 1A(38): Property Receipt; 3) 1A(41): Property Receipt; 4) 1A(43): FD-395; 5) 1A(44): FD-26; 6) 1A(45): Seizure List; 7) 1A(46): Seizure List; 8) 1A(47): Interview Notes of Eric Hines.

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DUE FEBRUARY 14, 1994

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PETERS, JAMES E  
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 (ATTN: SA [REDACTED])  
 FROM [REDACTED] SAC, SAN FRANCISCO ([REDACTED] (SQ 3))  
 SUBJECT : KEVIN LEE POULSEN, AKA;  
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 OO: SF

[REDACTED]

Enclosed for Los Angeles is one copy of the  
 following items: 1) March 18, 1991 memorandum [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] 2) File copy of [REDACTED]

AUSA [REDACTED] produced [REDACTED] memorandum  
 to Poulsen's attorneys during the discovery phase of the  
 Northern District case.

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 (ATTN: SA [REDACTED])

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (65X-SF-98039) (SQ 3)

SUBJECT : KEVIN LEE POULSEN, AKA;  
 ESP-X (COMPUTER HACKING);  
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This document is marked "Secret" in its entirety.

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Re: SF airtel dated 3/9/94; FBIHQ teletype dated  
 10/5/93, no copy to Los Angeles.

Enclosed for Los Angeles Division are the  
 following: 1) one copy each of two FD-302 interviews of [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] dated 4/9/91 and 5/1/91, and 2) one copy each of  
 two memorandums from [REDACTED] to FBI SA [REDACTED] dated  
 6/26/91 and 8/17/91. The enclosures supplement the transfer  
 of [REDACTED] FD-302s. The memorandums are provided to  
 supplement [REDACTED]

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The 4/7/94 transfer of San Francisco trial evidence to Los Angeles included the R-Base files of cases presumptively compromised in subject's computer files. Only two presumptively-compromised San Francisco cases are presently authorized for disclosure, as follows:

Per re teletype, this Division obtained DOJ and FBIHQ authorization for the in-court release of information regarding [redacted]

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[redacted] An entry in Poulsen's NORTH.CLR file includes the entire text of a "WORD" document from [redacted]

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(S) [redacted] No information was located in Poulsen's files to indicate that he further acted upon the data in that WORD document.

SAC, San Francisco similarly authorized the in-court release of information from an organized crime matter, titled [redacted] et al. (245C-SF-87908 (P)) from Poulsen's NORTH.CLR file. A complete WORD document regarding [redacted] pen register, [redacted] is contained therein. However, Poulsen added a key "signature notation" /\* 29x648 \*/) to the WORD document which correctly revealed the target cable for that pen register. Poulsen could have obtained the notated data only by breaking into the telephone box containing the wire. [redacted]

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[redacted] pen register.

Poulsen was charged in Count XV of the 10/6/93 San Jose indictment with one count of 18 USC 1030 (a)(4) based upon the above information. The local AUSA who ordered the pen register order has prepared a second order for the District Court to unseal the record for use in trial.

No other materials from the San Francisco R-Base files is authorized for disclosure at this time.

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On March 16, 1994, [redacted] doing business as [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted] San Diego, California,  
was telephonically contacted concerning [redacted]  
[redacted] dated December 8, 1990, for goods sold to [redacted]  
[redacted] Van Nuys, California, totaling  
\$245.53.

Subsequently, [redacted] faxed a copy of telephone equipment  
items purchased by [redacted] on December 8, 1990 at the  
[redacted] on December 8, 1990 at Montebello,  
California.

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On March 16, 1994, [redacted] was telephonically contacted concerning [redacted] invoice dated December 8, 1990 of items sold to [redacted]:

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Date 3/17/94

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES  
 (ATTN: SA [redacted])  
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FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO ([redacted] 9) (SQ 3)

SUBJECT : KEVIN LEE POULSEN, AKA;  
 ESP-X (COMPUTER HACKING);  
 OO: SF

[redacted]

Enclosed for Los Angeles are the following evidentiary items: 1) Vehicle registration for [redacted]  
 [redacted] 2) DMV Bill of Sale signed by [redacted] 3) Vehicle  
 Title signed by [redacted] 4) Notice to Appear signed by [redacted]  
 [redacted] 5) Glendale Federal Bank money card (Acct. [redacted]).  
 [redacted]

The enclosures supplement the 3/10/94 transfer of evidence from SF file 139A-335 1B section to Los Angeles. The enclosures were seized during the subject's 4/11/91 arrest by Los Angeles SA [redacted] SA [redacted] subsequently transferred them by hand to San Francisco SA [redacted]. The accompanying bulky sheet was included in the 3/10/94 mailing.

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Date 3/28/94

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: NSD, CI-1, IA [redacted])

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO ([redacted] (SQ 3))

SUBJECT : KEVIN LEE POULSEN, AKA;  
ESP-X (COMPUTER HACKING);  
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This communication is classified "Secret" in its entirety.

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RE: SF airtel to LA dated 3/7/94, no copy to the Director; SF telcal to IA [redacted] 3/28/94.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are one copy each of the following four classified FD-302 interviews with [redacted] by SA [redacted] (12/10/91, 10/15/91, 10/8/91) and SA [redacted] (9/20 & 25/91).

For information FBIHQ, the enclosed FD-302s were shipped via referenced airtel to Los Angeles. During the discovery process, those classified documents will likely

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become available to defense attorneys. During the trial phase, they may become part of the public record. It is proposed that the following protocol be established:

1. Los Angeles Division maintain full discretion, in consultation with its United States Attorney, to share classified material as necessary with defense counsel;

2. FBIHQ declassify in its entirety the FD-302 authored by SA [redacted]. Information regarding the classified SRI projects contained in the FD-302 (pp. 2-5) is available in unclassified technical reports which SRI has produced to the defense during discovery (SRI project names are not classified). Arguably classified information regarding the termination points of private lines servicing San Francisco (p. 8) would appear moot in the wake of the January 1993 physical relocation of the Headquarters office space and the creation of a technical off-site. Moreover, the FD-302 neither confirms nor denies those termination points.

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3. FBIHQ authorize the creation of unclassified [redacted] versions of SA [redacted] FD-302s by redacting any arguable references to individual wiretaps. This can be accomplished by redacting names of streets on which the subject located telephone junction boxes containing wiretap equipment. San Francisco opines that the technique of conducting wiretaps from junction boxes, as opposed to other methods, should be considered as sensitive information, but not as classified information.

**REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:**

FBIHQ is requested to make final declassification and redaction decisions regarding the enclosed FD-302s in a timely manner consistent with the needs of orderly pre-trial discovery in the Los Angeles prosecution.

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Date of transcription 4/1/94

KEVIN POULSEN was contacted at the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) for the purpose of providing handwriting exemplars.

POULSEN advised that he had discussed this matter with [redacted] who did not wish to attend, and POULSEN stated that he had no objection to providing handwriting exemplars.

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The examination was initiated at 9:30 a.m. and completed at 11:07 a.m. POULSEN stated he is right-handed and he completed 26 pages of handwriting exemplars. POULSEN initialed and dated the bottom of each page.



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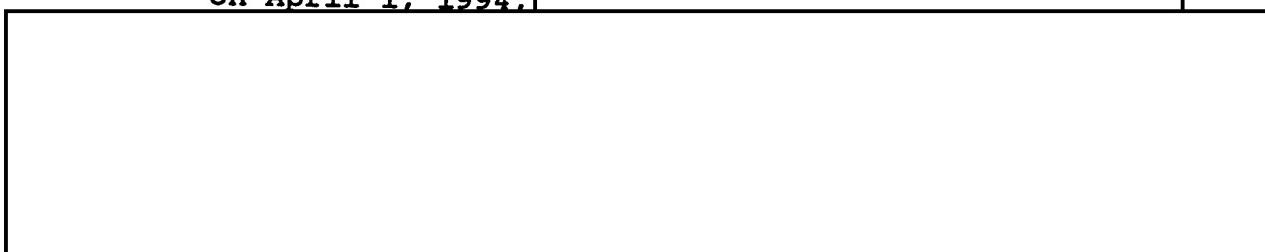
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INTERVIEWS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE DATED  
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# Former Van Nuys man pleads guilty to computer fraud

By Janet Gilmore  
*Daily News Staff Writer*

A former Van Nuys resident accused of hacking into computer systems and rigging radio contests pleaded guilty Tuesday to seven federal charges, including conspiracy and computer and mail fraud.

Kevin Lee Poulsen, 28, now faces a maximum sentence of up to 40 years in prison and a \$1.75 million fine. He is scheduled for sentencing in October.

While on his way out of the federal courthouse, Poulsen was asked why he pleaded guilty and answered quietly, "because I am guilty."

Poulsen originally was charged with 19 counts involving a string of incidents that ended April 1991, when Poulsen was arrested at a Van Nuys supermarket.

Those incidents involved the rigging of radio station contests in which Poulsen fraudulently won two Porsches from radio station KIIS-FM (102.7), \$20,000 in cash from KPWR-FM (105.9) and at least two trips to Hawaii and \$2,000 cash from KRTW-FM (101.1), according to prosecutors.

Also, via computer, he tapped into private phone conversations and gained access to government files including information related to undercover businesses used by the FBI. It was not clear how, or if, Poulsen planned to use the information.

"Only Kevin Poulsen knows," said Assistant U.S. Attorney David Schindler.

The federal prosecutor said that, based on numerous factors to be considered during sentencing, Poulsen could get a sentence ranging from three to nine years.

The crimes occurred while Poulsen was a fugitive charged in San Francisco with some of the nation's biggest computer-fraud crimes.

Officials in San Francisco had accused him of stealing Pacific Bell access codes to invade an Army,

computer network and obtain information on an FBI investigation involving associates of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos.

Much of the sentencing-related documents in the local case were sealed Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Manuel Real because Poulsen is awaiting trial in the San Francisco case.

The full terms of the plea agreement were not disclosed, but attorneys on both sides appeared pleased.

"We think it recognizes the severity of his crime," Schindler said. "I think it sends a message that we're taking computer hacking seriously."

Poulsen's attorney, Michael Brennan, said his client never had a problem pleading guilty to allegations that are true. And, he said, Poulsen's guilty plea Tuesday will reduce his maximum prison sentence.

Under the original 19 charges that were filed, Poulsen faced a maximum sentence of 100 years and an additional \$3 million in fines, Schindler said.

Several co-conspirators of Poulsen already have entered guilty pleas and are awaiting sentencing. Schindler said that Poulsen was the ring leader and faces the longest sentence.

Poulsen, known by the computer nickname "Dark Dante," was indicted in San Francisco in 1989 on computer-fraud crimes that occurred in a Menlo Park "switching room" jammed with stolen telephone equipment, the FBI has said.

Poulsen bleached his hair, assumed an alias and fled authorities. An FBI search ensued, with officials concentrating on Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley, where Poulsen's father and stepmother lived and where he grew up.

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# Computer hacker pleads guilty

*Man won radio contests, listened in on FBI probes*

By Gale Holland

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One of the nation's most notorious computer hackers pleaded guilty Tuesday to breaking into telephone systems to rig radio contests and eavesdrop on FBI investigations.

Kevin Lee Poulsen, 28, admitted to seven counts of mail, wire and computer fraud, money laundering and obstruction of justice in exchange for prosecutors' recommendation of a three-year federal prison term, one of his attorneys said. He could have faced 100 years in prison.

The baby-faced defendant, who offered only brief replies in court, later told a reporter he had changed his plea, "because I am guilty."

The convicted hacker was featured

on the tabloid television show "Unsolved Mysteries" after he fled the espionage indictment in 1988.

Poulsen continues to battle espionage charges in a separate hacking case in San Francisco, his attorney said.

"There are charges in the Northern District case he feels strongly he is not guilty of," defense lawyer Michael Brennan told reporters.

San Francisco authorities had charged Poulsen with stealing Air Force tasking orders containing classified information about military targets in the event of war. The hacking case, which has not gone to trial, was the first in the nation to use national security statutes. It currently is stalled in federal appeals court, attorneys said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Crowe said the guilty plea in Los Angeles "substantially helps" the San Francisco case.

"There is overlap," he said.

Poulsen was convicted in Los An-

geles in the late 1980s of breaking into a UCLA computer system. He later was hired by SRI International, a Silicon Valley defense contractor, to help with computer security. Officials said they passed off his troubles to youthful indiscretion.

San Francisco authorities, however, later charged Poulsen with using his SRI security clearance to steal military secrets from a Bay Area Air Force base where he had been assigned by the think tank.

Los Angeles investigators, who then picked up Poulsen's trial, said he returned to Los Angeles as a fugitive and began using his computer skills to rig promotional radio give-away contests.

Poulsen and accomplices would seize all the incoming phone lines into the stations, including KIIS-FM, KRTW-FM and KPWR-FM, thereby ensuring he would be the winner. The scam yielded at least two trips to

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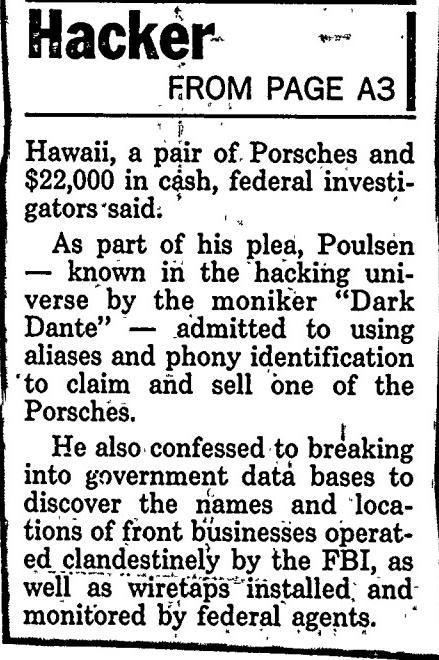
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20 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) Case No. CR-93-376(a)-R  
21 Plaintiff, )  
22 v. ) NOTICE OF FILING OF PLEA  
23 KEVIN LEE POULSEN, ) AGREEMENT AND RELATED  
24 Defendant. ) EXHIBITS  
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28 Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its  
undersigned attorneys of record, hereby files the following for  
the Court's review: (a) a copy of the plea agreement in the  
instant matter, attached as Exhibit A; (b) a copy of the  
declaration of Kevin Lee Poulsen, attached as Exhibit B; (c) a  
copy of a Nondisclosure and Security Agreement, attached as  
Exhibit C; and, (d) a copy of an Assignment of rights executed  
by Kevin Lee Poulsen, attached as Exhibit D. These documents

1 are submitted in connection with the change of plea hearing  
2 currently scheduled before the Court for Tuesday, June 14, 1994  
3 at 1:30 p.m.

4 DATED: June 13, 1994.

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 TO 7 COUNTS - TITLE 18, SECTION 371, CONSPIRACY; TITLE 18,  
 SECTION 1030(A)(4), ACCESSING A FEDERAL INTEREST COMPUTER  
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 TITLE 18, SECTION 2511, INTERCEPTION OF WIRE COMMUNICATIONS  
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TITLE 18, SECTION 2232, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. POULSEN FACES A MAXIMUM OF 40 YEARS INCARCERATION AND \$1.75 MILLION IN FINES. AS PART OF A PLEA AGREEMENT, POULSEN ALSO AGREED TO BE DEBRIEFED AND SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

JUDGE REAL SET A SENTENCING DATE FOR 10/17/94.

LOS ANGELES WILL RETURN ALL EVIDENTIARY MATERIAL PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED BY THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION ALONG WITH 404B MATERIAL RELATING TO LOS ANGELES INVESTIGATION.

LOS ANGELES IS APPRECIATIVE OF SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION EFFORTS IN THIS MATTER.

LOS ANGELES WILL APPRISE FBIHQ OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

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 KEVIN POULSEN;

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 O: LOS ANGELES

Reference LA airtel to WMFO dated 3/1/94.

Enclosed for Baltimore Division is one FD-340 containing two photographs of JUSTIN PETERSEN and two copies of referenced airtel.

For information of Los Angeles and Baltimore Divisions, WMFO has conducted numerous discreet rolling and static surveillances of captioned [redacted] residence at [redacted] Annandale, Virginia, telephone number [redacted] (home), [redacted] (work) with negative results to date. WMFO Agents who live in the same apartment complex continue to conduct spot checks at [redacted] residence.

Investigation at WMFO through birth records have determined that captioned subject [redacted]  
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Baltimore Division, Upper Marlboro, MD.

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Los Angeles Division.

Los Angeles is requested to advise if mail cover has been placed on [redacted] and if any other leads will be forwarded to WMFO.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

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Date: July 31, 1994

# Hacker in Hiding

Digital Desperado Who Claims to Have Worked  
for the FBI Is Now Being Sought by the Agency

By JOHN JOHNSON  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

**F**irst there was the Condor, then Dark Dante. The latest computer hacker to hit the cyberspace most wanted list is Agent Steal, a slender, good-looking rogue partial to Porsches and BMWs who bragged that he worked undercover for the FBI catching other hackers.

Now Agent Steal, whose real name is Justin Tanner Petersen, is on the run from the very agency he told friends was paying his rent and flying him to computer conferences to spy on other hackers.

Petersen, 34, disappeared Oct. 18 after admitting to federal prosecutors that he had been committing further crimes during the time when he was apparently working with the government "in the investigation of other persons," according to federal court records.

Ironically, by running he has consigned himself to the same secretive life as Kevin Mitnick, the former North Hills man who is one of the nation's most infamous hackers, and whom Petersen allegedly bragged of helping to set up for an FBI bust. Mitnick, who once took the name Condor in homage to a favorite movie character, has been hiding for almost two years to avoid prosecution for allegedly hacking into computers illegally and posing as a law enforcement officer.

Authorities say Petersen's list of hacks includes breaking into computers used by

federal investigative agencies and tapping into a credit card information bureau. Petersen, who once promoted after-hours rock shows in the San Fernando Valley, also was involved in the hacker underground's most sensational scam—hijacking radio station phone lines to win contests with prizes ranging from new cars to trips to Hawaii.

The mastermind of that scheme was Dark Dante, whose real name is Kevin

Poulsen. He is awaiting sentencing in connection with that case, having already spent three years in custody, the longest term in jail for any hacker in history.

Petersen's case reveals the close-knit and ruggedly competitive world of computer hacking, where friends struggle to outdo each other and then, when they are caught, sometimes turn on each other. Petersen boasted of his alleged exploits trapping his former colleagues.

Petersen gave an interview last year to an on-line publication called Phrack in which he claimed to have tapped the phone of a prostitute working for Heidi Fleiss. He also boasted openly of working with the FBI to bust Mitnick.

"When I went to work for the bureau I contacted him," Petersen said in the interview conducted by Mike Bowen. "He was still up to his old tricks, so we opened a case on him. . . . What a loser. Everyone thinks he is some great hacker. I outsmarted him and busted him."

How much of Petersen's story is true and how much is chest-thumping?

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issue, for he is a shadowy person who didn't even use his own name during the years he spent on the fringes of the Los Angeles rock scene. Tall, good-looking, with long hair down the middle of his back, Eric Heinz, as he was known by everyone, shattered the computer nerd pocket protector stereotype. He frequented the Rainbow Bar and Grill on Sunset Boulevard, often with different women on his arm, and handed out cards identifying himself as a concert promoter and electronic surveillance specialist.

Riki Rachman, an MTV "veejay," said Petersen had a reputation for technical wizardry among the club crowd. "Everybody knew, if you screwed [him] over, he had the power to screw everything" with you, Rachman said.

But was he really working as a government informant at the same time to ensnare his hacker buddies for the bureau? The FBI refused to talk about Petersen directly. But J. Michael Gibbons, a bureau computer crime expert, expressed doubts. He advises against such relationships.

"It's not safe. Across the board, hackers cannot be trusted to work—they play both sides against the middle," he said. The agents "could have had him in the office. They probably debriefed him at length. Send him out to do things? I doubt it."

But Santa Monica attorney Richard Sherman, who is representing a friend of Mitnick's in another hacker case, has accused the FBI of not only actively using Petersen as an informant, but also of turning a blind eye to Petersen's alleged crimes during the time he was in their care. The crimes involve alleged credit card fraud.

In a May 19 letter to U.S. Atty. Gen. Janet Reno, Sherman said three agents in Los Angeles engaged "in a course of conduct which is illegal and contrary to bureau policy" in handling Petersen.

Jo Ann Farrington, deputy chief of the public integrity section, responded on July 18 that there were no grounds to begin a criminal investigation. Because Sherman had called "into question the ethical conduct of the named special agents," the letter was referred to the Office of Professional Responsibility for review.

"It is factually incorrect that we allowed Mr. Petersen to commit crimes," said Assistant U.S. Atty. David Schindler.

Those who knew Petersen best described him as a bright, verging-on-arrogant man who dressed well and sometimes walked with a cane, a result of a motorcycle accident six years ago that cost him a foot. He sometimes promoted after-hours clubs in the Valley and in Hollywood, according to a partner, Phillip Lamond.

One night the two men were talking about Petersen's adventures. "The difference between you and me," Lamond said Petersen told him, "is I get a thrill from breaking the law."

In the Phrack interview, published on the Internet, an international network of computer networks with millions of users, Agent Steal bragged about breaking into Pacific Bell headquarters with Poulsen to obtain information about the phone company's investigation of his hacking.

He said they found "a lot of information regarding other investigations and how they do wiretaps."

"Very dangerous in the wrong hands," replied Bowen, according to a transcript of the interview.

"We are the wrong hands," Petersen said. Bowen said Petersen still calls him from time to time.

Petersen was arrested in Texas in 1991, where he lived briefly. Court records show that authorities searching his apartment found computer equipment, Pacific Bell manuals and five modems.

An FBI affidavit reveals fear that Petersen could have been eavesdropping on law enforcement investigations. The affidavit says Petersen admitted "conducting illegal telephone taps" and breaking into Pacific Bell's COSMOS computer program, which allows the user to check telephone numbers

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J. MICHAEL GIBBONS  
FBI computer crime expert

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and determine the location of telephone lines and circuits.

A grand jury in Texas returned an eight-count indictment against Petersen, accusing him of assuming false names, accessing a computer without authorization, possessing stolen mail and fraudulently obtaining and using credit cards.

The case was later transferred to California and sealed, out of concern for Petersen's safety, authorities said. The motion to seal, obtained by Sherman, states that Petersen, "acting in an undercover capacity, currently is cooperating with the United States in the investigation of other persons in California."

Petersen eventually pleaded guilty to six counts, including rigging a radio station contest with a \$20,000 prize. He faced a sentence of up to 40 years in jail and a \$1.5-million fine, but the sentencing was delayed several times while, Sherman believes, Petersen continued working for the government. Lamond said Petersen told him the FBI was paying him \$600 a month "to help them track down hackers."

Then on Oct. 18, 1993, 15 months after entering his first guilty plea, Petersen was confronted outside

federal court by Schindler, who asked if he had been committing any crimes while on bail. Petersen said he had, according to Schindler. Petersen met briefly with his attorney, then took off.

"I've got a big problem and I'm splitting," a friend said he told him the same day.

Attempts to reach Petersen were unsuccessful and his attorney, Morton Boren, said he has "no knowledge of Justin committing any crimes."

Sherman also scores the government for allegedly allowing Petersen, while an informant, to utilize a Pacific Bell Telephone Co. computer called Switched Access Services, or SAS. Sherman said the computer allows operators to intercept telephone calls and place other calls, making it appear the calls originated from other phones.

Rich Motta, executive director of applications, reliability and support for Pacific Bell, said he would not "take a position one way or the other" on Sherman's allegations.

While declining to discuss Petersen's actions, Schindler acknowledged that in the Poulsen case, "we alleged and he pled guilty to the fact of using the SAS system. Among other things, they rigged radio station contests using SAS. It is a test technology they managed to hijack and use for criminal purposes. Once we became aware of it we took steps to correct it."

There are tantalizing hints at links between Mitnick and Petersen, despite their obvious differences in style. Mitnick was the classic computer jockey, overweight and shy, who asked his eventual wife out on their first date by sending her a computer message. Petersen, on the other hand, is flamboyant and self-assured.

The California Department of Motor Vehicles has a file on Petersen, but refused to divulge any information about him, saying the file was being used in another case. "The indications are that it's Mitnick," said Bill Madison, a spokesman for the agency.

Friends say they think Petersen can survive well on the run. "He's already got a lot of experience" living undercover, said one friend.

But Mitnick may be having a tougher time. Lewis De Payne thinks his friend would like to find a way out of his predicament. "It is my opinion he would like to surrender to some type of news media that could provide legal counsel," he said.

In the Phrack interview, Petersen makes no apologies for his choices in life.

While discussing Petersen's rôle as an informant, Mike Bowen says, "I think that most hackers would have done the same as you."

"Most hackers would have sold out their mother," Petersen responded.

**Times staff writer David Colker contributed to this story.**

Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (139C-LA-127588)

Date 8/2/94

From : SA [redacted] (CE-6)

Subject: JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN -  
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On 7/31/94, an article appeared in the "Los Angeles Times" concerning PETERSEN detailing his association with the FBI and his current fugitive status. Consequently, several news organizations have requested additional information from the Los Angeles FBI Media Office concerning PETERSEN and his "hacking activities" with subjects POULSEN [redacted]. As a result, a conference call was held on 8/1/94 between SA [redacted] AUSA [redacted] and Los Angeles FBI [redacted].

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By JOHN JOHNSON  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

He called himself Agent Steal, computer hacker. He was a slender, good-looking rogue partial to Porsches and BMWs who bragged that he worked undercover for the FBI catching other hackers.

But today Agent Steal, whose real name is Justin Tanner Petersen, is on the run from the very agency he told friends was paying his rent and flying him to computer conferences to spy on the hacking community.

Petersen, 34, a Westside resident, disappeared in October after admitting to federal prosecutors that he had been committing further crimes during the time he claimed to be working with the government "in the investigation of other persons," according to federal court records.

His story is a microcosmic slice of the close-knit and ruggedly competitive world of computer hacking, where friends struggle to outdo each other and then, when they're caught, sometimes turn on each other.

Authorities say Petersen's list of accomplishments, known as "hacks," includes breaking into computers used by federal investigative agencies and tapping into a credit card information bureau.

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"When I went to work for the bureau I contacted Mitnick," Petersen said in the Phrack interview. "He was still up to his old tricks, so we opened a case on him. . . . What a loser. Everyone thinks he is some great hacker. I outsmarted him and busted him."

Much of Petersen's story may be bunk. He is, after all, a shadowy person who didn't even use his own name during the years he spent on the fringes of the Los Angeles rock scene. Longhaired Eric Heinz, as Petersen called himself, shattered the computer nerd stereotype. He frequented the Rainbow Bar and Grill on Sunset Boulevard, often with different women on his arm, and handed out cards identifying himself as a concert promoter and electronic surveillance specialist.

The FBI refused to talk about Petersen directly. But J. Michael Gibbons, a bureau computer crime expert, said he doubted Petersen was working as a government informant to ensnare his hacker buddies for the bureau.

"That kind of relationship is dangerous for the FBI," Gibbons said. "Across the board, hackers cannot be trusted to work—they play both sides against the middle." The agents "could have had him in the office," Gibbons said. "They probably debriefed him at length. [But] send him out to do things? I doubt it."

However, attorney Richard Sherman of Santa Monica, who represents another hacker, has accused the FBI of actively using Petersen as an informant and turning a blind eye to Petersen's alleged credit card fraud during the time he was in the bureau's care.

In a May 19 letter to Atty. Gen. Janet Reno, Sherman said three agents in Los Angeles engaged "in a course of conduct which is illegal and contrary to Bureau policy" in handling Petersen.

Jo Ann Farrington, deputy chief of the Justice Department's public integrity section, responded July 18 that there were no grounds to begin a criminal investigation. Assistant U.S. Atty. David Schindler in the Los Angeles office said, "It is factually incorrect that we allowed Mr. Petersen to commit crimes."

Those who knew Petersen best described him as a bright, verging-on-arrogant man who dressed well and sometimes walked with a cane, a result of a motorcycle accident six years ago that cost him a foot. He sometimes promoted after-hours clubs in the Valley and in Hollywood, according to a partner, Phillip Lamond.

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Petersen then met briefly with his attorney and took off. "I've got a big problem and I'm splitting," he told a friend the same day.

Attempts to reach Petersen were unsuccessful and his attorney, Morton Boren, said he has "no knowledge of Justin committing any crimes."

Sherman also criticizes the government for allegedly allowing Petersen, while serving as an informant, to utilize a Pacific Bell Telephone Co. computer called Switched Access Services, known as SAS. Sherman said the computer allows operators to intercept telephone calls and place other calls, making it appear the calls originated from other phones.

Rich Motta, executive director of applications, reliability and support for Pacific Bell, said he would not comment on Sherman's allegations.

In the Phrack interview, Petersen made no apologies for his choices in life. Discussing Petersen's alleged role as an informant, interviewer Mike Bowen suggested that "most hackers would have done the same as you."

"Most hackers," Petersen replied, "would have sold out their mother."

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/10/94

[redacted] was telephonically contacted concerning the whereabouts of JUSTIN PETERSEN.

[redacted] advised that he received a telephone call shortly before 12:30 a.m. on August 8, 1994 and the caller hung up. At approximately 12:30 a.m., PETERSEN knocked on his front door. PETERSEN said he was in town for a couple of days and he had heard that a few newspaper articles had been printed concerning his background and fugitive status. PETERSEN said that certain statements in the articles were true, however, [redacted] for alleged computer hacker [redacted]

[redacted] had blamed him for everything. [redacted]

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[redacted] he resorted to the theft of credit cards. PETERSEN told [redacted] that he did attempt to make money by promoting rock groups but that failed.

PETERSEN plans to lay low for a couple of years because he figures that the FBI would no longer be looking for him. PETERSEN said that he is currently a bartender and living with a young stripper.

PETERSEN stated that he does not need a car where he is presently located because of the mass transit system. PETERSEN stated that he leaves the car he is currently driving with a friend in Los Angeles. PETERSEN said that he does not associate with his good friend [redacted] because "he does not want [redacted] to be hassled by the FBI."

[redacted] stated that PETERSEN was wearing black trousers, white T-shirt with a black leather blazer. PETERSEN still has shoulder length brown hair and no facial hair. [redacted] stated that PETERSEN did not look any different than when he saw him

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(telephonically)

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Continuation of FD-302 of [redacted], On 8/8/94, Page 2

approximately four months ago. PETERSEN was driving a gold early model BMW with Texas plates. PETERSEN told [redacted] that he had produced another driver's license utilizing a nickname. PETERSEN departed [redacted] residence at approximately 2:40 a.m.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

11000 Wilshire Blvd. #1700  
Los Angeles, CA 90024  
August 9, 1994

American Orthetic and Prosthetic Association

1650 King St. #500  
Alexandria, Va. 22314

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Dear [redacted]

Per our conversation of August 9, 1994, I am enclosing a photograph and descriptive information about Justin Tanner Petersen, a fugitive currently wanted by the FBI. Any assistance your publication can provide with regard to this fugitive matter would be greatly appreciated.

Justin Petersen pleaded guilty on April 21, 1993, to six felony counts, including conspiracy, two counts of computer fraud, intercepting wire communications, transporting a stolen vehicle across state lines and wrongfully accessing TRW credit files. As part of his guilty plea, Petersen admitted his role in using computers to seize the incoming telephone lines of radio station KPWR-FM in Los Angeles in order to rig a \$10,000 giveaway contest. Petersen also admitted using computers to hack into TRW and Telenet computer systems. While on bail awaiting sentencing, he engaged in further criminal activity and his bond was immediately revoked.

Petersen is a white male, age 34, 6-foot, 145-pounds with long brown hair and dark features. He is an amputee who wears a prosthetic lower left leg and is known to use a cane. Because Petersen's prosthetic leg requires periodic professional treatment, it is strongly believed that he has and will visit a prosthesis proprietor in the United States.

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1 - SA [redacted]  
1 - SA [redacted]  
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1 - 80-LA-129925

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As a fugitive, Petersen should be considered armed and dangerous. We are asking anyone who has seen Petersen to avoid confronting him and call their local FBI office or police department. The 24-hour number for the Los Angeles FBI is (310) 477-6565.

Your readers may call FBI Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] at [redacted] (direct dial) with full  
confidence about information concerning Petersen's  
whereabouts. Again, we appreciate any assistance you can provide  
in this matter.

Sincerely,

CHARLIE J. PARSONS  
Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles FBI Field Office

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BY:

[redacted]  
Special Agent  
Los Angeles FBI Field Office

WANTED BY THE F.B.I. FOR COMPUTER HACKING

JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN  
(Alias Eric Heinz, Martin Jason)

CRIMINAL PROFILE:

On October 22, 1993, PETERSEN's bond was revoked by U.S. District Court Judge WILSON, Central District of California, and a bench warrant was issued for PETERSEN's arrest as a result of continued criminal activities in computer hacking.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Date of Birth:	July 28, 1960
Age:	35 years
Height:	6'0"
Weight:	145 pounds
Hair:	Brown (blond) long hair
Eyes:	Brown
Sex:	Male
Race:	Caucasian

MEDICAL PROFILE:

PETERSEN receives periodic treatment for a prosthetic left leg just below the knee.

# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (139C-LA-127588)

Date 8/9/94

From : SA [redacted] (CE-6)

Subject: JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN -  
FUGITIVE;  
IOC  
OO: LOS ANGELES

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On 8/7/94 and 8/8/94, a surveillance was conducted in the vicinity of GECKOS CLUB, Huntington Beach, California, for the purpose of apprehending captioned subject which proved negative. As a result of contacting [redacted] PETERSEN [redacted] [redacted] stated that PETERSEN has been known to frequent GECKOS on Sunday evening.

On 8/9/94, a photograph of PETERSEN and descriptive data was forwarded to the ASSOCIATION OF ORTHOPEDIC & PROSTHETICS, 1650 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, for the purpose of placing PETERSEN's photograph in their national publication. Additionally, PETERSEN's photograph and descriptive data will be sent to prosthetic clinics in the greater Los Angeles area and to tanning salons which PETERSEN has been known to frequent on a routine basis.

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FBI - LOS ANGELES			

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U.S. Department of Justice



Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

11000 Wilshire Boulevard #1700  
Los Angeles, CA 90024  
August 8, 1994

Dear Proprietor:

We are writing to you and other tanning salon proprietors in the Los Angeles area to ask for assistance in locating a fugitive suspect wanted by the FBI.

The fugitive, Justin Tanner Petersen, pled guilty to six felony counts in 1993. While on bail awaiting sentencing, he engaged in further criminal activity and his bond was immediately revoked. Petersen is believed to frequent tanning salons in the area. If you see Petersen, we ask that you do not confront him but rather call the FBI at (310) 477-6565, or your local police.

Petersen is described as a white male, age 34, 6 foot, 145 pounds, with long brown hair and dark features. He is an amputee who wears a prosthetic lower left leg and is known to use a cane.

We ask that you and your employees carefully examine the enclosed poster of Petersen. You may call FBI Special Agent [redacted] (direct dial) with full confidentiality about information concerning Petersen's whereabouts. We appreciate any assistance you can provide in this matter.

Sincerely,

CHARLIE J. PARSONS  
Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted]  
Supervisory Special Agent

- 1 - SAC PARSONS
  - 1 - ASAC RICHARD WADE
  - 1 - ASAC JERRY THORNTON
  - 1 - SSA [redacted] (WCC-6)
  - 1 - Night Supervisor
  - 1 - News Media
  - 1 - 80-LA-173701
  - 1 - 80-LA-129925
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WANTED BY THE F.B.I. FOR COMPUTER HACKING

JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN  
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## TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype  
 Facsimile  
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## PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate  
 Priority  
 Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET  
 SECRET  
 CONFIDENTIAL  
 UNCLAS E F T O  
 UNCLAS

Date 8/15/94

TO : SAC, Baltimore

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles Field Office (139C-LA-127588) (P)  
(CE-6)

SUBJECT : JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN -  
FUGITIVE (B);  
KEVIN POULSEN;

[REDACTED]

IOC;  
OO: LOS ANGELES

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Reference Los Angeles airtel to WMFO dated 3/1/94  
and WMFO airtel dated 7/18/94.

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2 - Baltimore  
2 - WMFO  
(1 - Northern Virginia  
Metro RA)  
2 - Los Angeles

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Transmitted \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) (Time)

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LEADS:

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND: Contact and interview [redacted]  
[redacted] concerning the whereabouts [redacted]  
JUSTIN PETERSEN and provide results to Los Angeles.

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WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN FIELD OFFICE

AT NORTHERN VIRGINIA METRO RA: Contact and  
interview [redacted] concerning same.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/15/94

On August 15, 1994, [redacted] Beverly Hills Prosthetics, 214 South Robertson Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, telephone number 310-657-3353, telephonically advised that she had received a copy of the letter and photograph concerning JUSTIN PETERSEN, also known as (aka) Eric Heinz, circulated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

[redacted] stated that she received a telephone call from an individual last week who identified himself as ERIC HEINZ. HEINZ called for the purpose of determining if he could buy a prosthetic sleeve (size NKS100-1) directly from the manufacturer.

[redacted] informed HEINZ that the manufacturer would not sell directly to the public. [redacted] also informed HEINZ that he had an outstanding balance due as a result of his last visit on January 19, 1993. HEINZ told [redacted] that she could mail him a bill at 8003 Sunset Boulevard, Box 232, Los Angeles, California.

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[redacted] stated that HEINZ's prosthetic sleeve is not unusual and a number of manufacturers supply this particular sleeve to the clinics in the Los Angeles area. [redacted] said that their clinic orders prosthetic sleeves from Daw Industries, [redacted] telephone number 1-800-242-8669.

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by SA [redacted] /dw Date dictated 8/15/94

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The following investigation was conducted by Special  
Agent (SA) [redacted]

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On August 15, 1994, the Sunset Post Office was contacted concerning subscriber information concerning P.O. Box 232 at 8003 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. In a brief discussion with the mail carrier, it was determined that the address 8003 Sunset Boulevard does not exist, however, there is a mailbox rental location at 8033 Sunset Boulevard. The mail carrier advised that she would check this particular address and P.O. Box 232 for the name JUSTIN PETERSEN and ERIC HEINZ.

On August 16, 1994, the Sunset Post Office advised that they are not able to search the mail designated for 8033 Sunset Boulevard because the mail is bundled and delivered to that address where it is sorted and delivered to the various post office boxes.

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The following subscriber information was obtained from  
[redacted]  
Oakland, CA on August 18, 1994 by Special Agent [redacted]



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MWR.1019329501483.PETERSEN, JUSTIN TANNER.AKA/.ERZUMLY, BURT VALENTINO..  
VALENTINO, BURT.

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UW  
MODIFY FCN/1019329501483  
NAM/PETERSEN, JUSTIN TANNER  
YOUR SUBJECT IS ASSOCIATED WITH:  
ORI/CA0360045 FCN/4369322502056

NAM  
WAR/MVA002485 OFF/5099 OBSTRUCT/GENERAL MISD  
IMMEDIATELY CONFIRM WITH CA0360045 SAN BERNARDINO CO SO MNE/SBO  
TELEPHONE 909 387-3690  
\*\*\*\*\* END OF WPS MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\*

OUTPUT MSG 253, PAGE 01 OF 01, FROM CL1@

08/19/94 21:17 NO MSGS WAITING

"SA [redacted] -uuc-4  
Validate, Date, Initial, and  
Return to NCIC Operator. If  
Incorrect, Make Necessary  
Change Herein."

NCIC	SUPR.	OPR.	AGENT
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CLEAR <input type="checkbox"/>			
CANCEL <input type="checkbox"/>			
LOCATE <input type="checkbox"/>			
DATE _____		NCIC # _____	

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[Redacted]  
*[Signature]*

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To: Director, FBI  
 At: Criminal Investigative Division  
 Fugitive Unit

From: SAC, Los Angeles 139C-LA-127588

Subject: JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN, aka  
 UFAP;  
 OO: LA  
 (139C-LA-127588)

Date:

## INSTRUCTIONS - Reverse Side

NOTE: Priority "A" and "B" Fugitives - With initial submission, set forth a synopsis of crime on reverse side.

- III Inquiry  
 Initial Submission  
 Initial Submission - Parental Kidnapping  
 Supplements FD-65 dated \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Fugitive Priority

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D (Parental Kidnapping)

Caution	MKE	Name <i>Justin Tanner Petersen</i>			NAM	Sex M	SEX W	Race RAC					
Place of Birth			POB	Birth Date <i>7/28/60</i>	DOB	Date of Emancipation	DOE	Height 5'10	HGT	Weight 170	WGT		
Eye Color	EYE	Hair Color	HAI	FBI No.	FBI	Skin Tone	SKN						
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, and Other Characteristics <i>Missing Lt. Leg</i>											SMT		
NCIC Fingerprint Classification			FPC	Other Identifying Number			MNU	Social Security # <i>508-92-8137</i>		SOC <i>546-85-8244</i>			
Operator's License Number <i>C5943904</i>			OLN	Operator's License State <i>CA.</i>			OLS	Year Expires	OLY				
Offense Charged _____											OFF		
U. S. Code, Title and Section _____													
Warrant Issued By _____ on _____											DOW	F.O. File #	OCA
Miscellaneous Including Bond Recommended											(MIS)		

## LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION

License Plate Number	LIC	State	LIS	Year Expires	LIY	License Plate Type	LIT				
Vehicle Identification #	VIN	Year	VYR	Make	VMA	Model	VMO	Style	VST	Color	VCO

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NCIC # *W772636486* NIC

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Caution (MKE)** - Insert "C" in block if caution statement indicated. Basis for caution statement must appear in Miscellaneous block, e.g., armed and dangerous.
2. **Name (NAM)** - Place name in this block. Aliases are not to be entered in this block but are to be placed in Aliases block.
3. **Sex (SEX)** - Sex will be designated by one letter, M (male) or F (female).
4. **Race (RAC)** - Race will be described by one letter, A (Asian or Pacific Islander), I (American Indian or Alaskan Native), B (Black), W (White), U (Unknown).
5. **Place of Birth (POB)** - Indicate city and state or, if foreign born, city and country. Where multiple birthplaces are reported, list verified birthplace or that which appears most logical in this block.
6. **Birth Date (DOB)** - Enter as month, day and year. Where multiple birth dates are reported, enter verified birth date or that which appears most logical in this block. Place other dates of birth in Additional Identifiers block.
7. **Date of Emancipation (DOE)** - Must be filled in if individual is a juvenile. Otherwise leave blank.
8. **Height (HGT)** - Express in feet and inches, e.g., 6'0". Round off fractions to nearest inch.
9. **Weight (WGT)** - Express in pounds. Omit fractions.
10. **Eye Color (EYE)** - Use appropriate three-character symbol.
11. **Hair Color (HAI)** - Use appropriate three-character symbol.
12. **Skin-Tone (SKN)** - Use appropriate three-character symbol.
13. **Scars, Marks, Tattoos, (SMT), and Other Characteristics** - Place in this block only appropriate NCIC coding for scars, marks, tattoos, birthmarks, deformities, missing body parts and artificial body parts as defined in NCIC Code Manual. If more than one SMT is to be entered, use Additional Identifiers block for additional appropriately coded items. Use Miscellaneous block to describe all scars, marks, tattoos, and other characteristics, which are not defined in the NCIC Code Manual and to more fully describe SMT's which have been entered in SMT block. For example, an appendectomy scar, not being readily visible, would be described in the Miscellaneous block. A tattoo on right arm, shown as TAT R ARM in block, might be further described in Miscellaneous block as a rose tattoo on inside of lower right arm.
14. **NCIC Fingerprint Classification (FPC)** - Enter NCIC fingerprint classification.
15. **Other Identifying Number (MNU)** - Miscellaneous numbers may be entered with appropriate identifiers (prefixes). For first miscellaneous identifying number, use MNU block. When military service number is in fact Social Security Account Number, the number should be entered in both MNU and SOC blocks. Additional identifying numbers are placed in Additional Identifiers block. The identifier (prefix) should precede the number and be separated from the number by use of a hyphen.
16. **Social Security Number (SOC)** - Place subject's Social Security Account Number in this block.
17. **Operator's License Number** - Place subject's operator's license number in OLN block. Also show licensing state (OLS) and year license expires (OLY).
18. **Warrant Issued By-On-(DOW)** - Enter date warrant issued in DOW block. For juvenile offenders, enter the date of violation.
19. **Miscellaneous (MIS)** - Enter additional pertinent information in this block. If caution statement used, basis for statement must be set forth as first item in this block.
20. **License Plate and Vehicle Information** - Place information concerning license plate and/or vehicle known to be in the possession of subject in appropriate blocks under License, Plate and Vehicle Information heading.
21. **Additional Identifiers** - Enter information concerning additional license plates (number, state, year expires, and where applicable, type); Social Security Numbers; operator's license number, state and year expires; vehicle information (VIN, VYR, VMA, VMO, VST, VCO); MNU's (see list in item 14 above); visible scars, marks, tattoos, and other characteristics; and dates of birth. Clearly identify what data is being set forth; e.g., Social Security # 423-56-3294; Michigan operator's license 234567, expires 1987; DOB's 4/5/32, 5/3/32; etc.
22. By making an I&I inquiry, the entering agency may become knowledgeable of additional DOBs, AKAs, and other significant information which may aid in the location and/or apprehension of wanted persons.
23. Changes and deletions should be so indicated in the appropriate blocks.

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CAFBILA00 RE: QW.CAFBILA00.NAM/PETERSEN, JUST  
MATCH MADE ON NAM/PETERSEN, JUSTIN TANNER

NAME FIELD SEARCH REVEALS:

HIT # 001

HIT MADE ON NAM/PETERSEN, JUSTIN TANNER  
ORI/CAFBILA00 FCN/1019329501483

NIC/W772636486

NAM/PETERSEN, JUSTIN TANNER 072860 M W 510 170 BRO HAZ DC

DOW/102293 WAR/139C127588 OFF/4999 FLIGHT-ESCAPE FEL ENT/2

BAIL/NO BAIL

OCA/139127588 MIS/UNLAWFULFLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION

AKA/HEINZ, ERIC MARTIN/JASON, MARTIN

HEINZ, ERIC E/JASON, MARTIN M

MILLER, MATT E/GROSSMAN, SAMUELL

HEINZ, ERIC/HINES, ERIC

PETERS, JAMES E/ERZUMLY, BURT VALENTINO

VALENTINO, BURT

SMT/MISS L LEG

SOC/508928037/546858244

OLN/C5943904.CA.93

ADB/112759/072960

SUBJECT MAY BE SAME AS FBI/287020AA9

IMMEDIATELY CONFIRM WITH CAFBILA00 FBI-LOS ANGELES MNE/FBM

TELEPHONE 310 477-6565

CHECKING NCIC

INQUIRY MADE TO RESTRAINING ORDER SYSTEM

\*\*\*\*\* END OF WPS MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\*

OUTPUT MSG 254, FROM CL1@ FOR FBI4 08/19/94 21:18

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CAFBILA00 RE: QRR.CAFBILA00.NAM/PETERSEN,JUS

NO MATCH NAM FIELD

NO RESTRAINING ORDERS

\*\*\*\*\* END OF ROS MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\*

OUTPUT MSG 255, FROM CL1@ FOR FBI4 08/19/94 21:19

IM  
MPS INQUIRY  
MISSING PERSON  
DATE:08-19-1994 TIME:21:18:06  
RE:QM.CAFBILA00.PETERSEN, JUSTIN TANNER.M.DOB/07281960  
\*\*\* NO MATCH ON NAM FIELD \*\*\*  
\*\*\* CHECKING NCIC \*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* END OF MPS MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\*

OUTPUT MSG 256, FROM CL1@ FOR FBI4 08/19/94 21:19

IJ  
1L01  
CAFBILA00  
MKE/WANTED PERSON  
ORI/CAFBILA00 NAM/PETERSEN, JUSTIN TANNER SEX/M RAC/W POB/DC DOB/072860  
HGT/510 WGT/170 EYE/HAZ HAI/BRO FBI/287020AA9  
SMT/MISS L LEG SOC/508928037 OLN/C5943904 OLS/CA OLY/93  
OFF/FLIGHT-ESCAPE DOW/102293 OCA/139127588  
MIS/UNLAWFULFLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION  
ORI IS FBI LOS ANGELES CA  
DOB/112759 072960  
SOC/546858244  
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AKA/HINES, ERIC  
AKA/PETERS, JAMES E  
AKA/ERZUMLY, BURT VALENTINO  
AKA/VALENTINO, BURT  
NIC/W772636486

OUTPUT MSG 257, FROM CL1@ FOR FBI4 08/19/94 21:19

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1L01  
CAFBILA00  
MKE/WANTED PERSON  
ORI/CAFBILA00 NAM/PETERSEN, JUSTIN TANNER SEX/M RAC/W POB/DC DOB/072860  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted] address  
[redacted] Sherman Oaks, California, telephone number  
[redacted] was contacted and interviewed at his residence concerning the whereabouts of JUSTIN PETERSEN, also known as Eric Heinz. Thereafter, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] first met PETERSEN in March, [redacted] through an acquaintance identified as [redacted]  
[redacted] PETERSEN. [redacted]  
December, 1993, [redacted] "ERIC" [redacted] missing his left leg.

Sometime in the beginning of March, [redacted] PETERSEN and [redacted] came over to [redacted] house and [redacted] introduced PETERSEN to [redacted] was then shown a photograph of PETERSEN which he positively identified and PETERSEN appeared the same as depicted in the photograph. [redacted] recalled their conversation being general in nature [redacted] stated that he recalled seeing PETERSEN at the RAINBOW CLUB approximately a year ago.

After their initial meeting, [redacted] stated that he began dating [redacted] and their first date was on March 25, [redacted] Although [redacted] was living with [redacted] at his home, [redacted] suspected that [redacted] PETERSEN. As a result, for a one week period beginning the first week of June, [redacted] tape recorded [redacted] phone conversations on his home telephone. [redacted] stated that [redacted] made references to ERIC on the phone and in phone conversations, [redacted] had ERIC on another telephone line while talking to [redacted] on another line. Sometime in July or August, [redacted] to read some newspaper articles concerning PETERSEN and how he was wanted by the FBI. [redacted] advised that [redacted] who is currently unemployed.

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[redacted] that PETERSEN had "a place" in Orange County and he was driving a BMW. [redacted] also told [redacted] that PETERSEN was working on a two million dollar deal but she did not provide any other information. [redacted] stated that PETERSEN was possibly using the name NIKOLAI or NAKITA FORBES but [redacted] would occasionally attempt to purposely mislead him concerning PETERSEN's whereabouts.

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[redacted] has moved out of his home as a result of an argument. [redacted] stated that he had talked to [redacted] on the telephone approximately 3:45 a.m. that morning and [redacted] said that she had talked to PETERSEN yesterday.

[redacted] was driving a [redacted] Chevrolet [redacted] which she bought from [redacted] (last name unknown), who was a roommate of [redacted] (last name unknown). [redacted] is also a close friend with [redacted] (last name unknown) who is also [redacted] stated that [redacted] would probably live with [redacted] and [redacted] who lived on [redacted] Street in Westwood. According to [redacted] also knew PETERSEN. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is currently living in a duplex on the top floor near the intersection of [redacted] Avenue and [redacted] Boulevard which is adjacent to the [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] normally frequented Club "Ugly" and "On The Rocks" Club in Hollywood.

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[redacted] provided photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] and PETERSEN together. [redacted] also provided information concerning [redacted] prescription filled on March 6, 1994 for a Proventil Inhaler [redacted] telephone number [redacted].

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Pursuant to the arrest of JUSTIN PETERSEN on August 29, 1994, the following items were seized from PETERSEN at the time of his arrest:

1. Texas Driver's License in the name of NICHOLAS JASON FORBES, 10001 Westpark 45, Houston, Texas 77042, Driver's License Number 16489704, date of birth 8/9/66. The license is signed NICHOLAS FORBES and PETERSEN's photograph appears on the license.
2. An invoice from RIO'S PAWN SHOP, 805 West 19th Street, Costa Mesa, California, (714) 650-4224, dated 7/18/94, Invoice Number 19199 for a loan amount of \$150 concerning a VCR.
3. An invoice from RIO'S PAWN SHOP dated 7/28/94, Invoice Number 19584 for a loan amount of \$150 concerning a SONY home amplifier.
4. An invoice from RIO'S PAWN SHOP dated 8/27/94, Invoice Number 20558 for a loan amount of \$60 concerning a speaker system.
5. An invoice from RIO'S PAWN SHOP dated 8/27/94, Invoice Number 20559 for a loan amount of \$40 concerning speakers.
6. Miscellaneous business cards.
7. A UPS Air Ship Receipt Number 03343424161 dated 6/29/94.
8. A receipt from FOR EYES OPTICAL COMPANY, 16672 Beach Boulevard, Suite N, Huntington Beach, California, (714) 842-7022, Invoice

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Number 123517 in the amount of \$109  
concerning Mr. [REDACTED]  
Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and a notation Plano Polaroid  
appears on the invoice.

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9. A cash receipt dated 8/23/94 for an amount of \$52.92 in the name of FORBES.
10. Three pieces of paper with various phone numbers.
11. One black wallet.
12. Twenty-nine dollars (\$29) in cash, two photographs.
13. A set of keys containing a handcuff key and a postal carrier key.

# Memorandum



To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (139C-LA-127588)

Date 8/29/94

From : SA [redacted] (CE-6)

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Subject: JUSTIN PETERSEN -  
FUGITIVE (B);  
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On 8/18/94, [redacted] Sherman  
Oaks, California, telephone number [redacted] pager number  
[redacted] telephonically contacted the complaint Agent FBI  
Los Angeles and advised that he knew the whereabouts of fugitive  
JUSTIN PETERSEN but he did not want to provide any information  
over the phone.

Same date, [redacted] was contacted at his residence.  
[redacted] stated that he was asked by his friend [redacted] to  
contact the FBI and provide pertinent information relating to  
PETERSEN. [redacted] provided a red telephone book, another phone  
book, miscellaneous phone bills with the name [redacted]  
[redacted] Sherman Oaks, California, telephone number  
[redacted] appearing on the bills and a letter from the City  
of Los Angeles concerning outstanding traffic tickets addressed  
to [redacted] Sherman Oaks,  
California. [redacted] explained that the phone books belong to  
[redacted]

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PETERSEN and is unaware that [redacted] has her phone books. [redacted]  
also provided a cassette tape recording of telephone  
conversations taped by [redacted] and other  
female companions. [redacted] explained that [redacted] suspected  
that [redacted] PETERSEN. [redacted] believes that PETERSEN  
may be using the name BURT VALENTINO ERZUMLY, telephone number  
(818) 346-9961, pager number (818) 587-1112, page code 43, which  
was listed in [redacted] red phone book.

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[REDACTED] is an unemployed [REDACTED]  
who is currently living with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Sherman Oaks. [REDACTED] is moving out of the  
[REDACTED] address and will be living at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] West Los Angeles, telephone number [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] previously resided at [REDACTED]  
West Hollywood, California. [REDACTED] pager number is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] telephone number is [REDACTED]

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Approximately six weeks ago, [REDACTED] saw PETERSEN and  
[REDACTED] at the TROUBADOUR CLUB on Santa Monica Boulevard in West  
Hollywood. According to [REDACTED] PETERSEN and [REDACTED] were  
seated with approximately six motorcycle gang members but he  
could not provide any additional information. [REDACTED] was shown a  
photograph of PETERSEN which he positively identified and  
PETERSEN's appearance was the same as depicted in the photograph.

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Name:  
Race:  
Sex:  
DOB:  
Hair:  
Eyes:  
Height:  
Weight:  
California Driver's  
License Number:  
Vehicle:

Social Security  
Account Number:

Address:

Telephone Number:  
Employment:  
Arrests:

[REDACTED]  
None, outstanding warrant for  
traffic tickets amounting to  
approximately \$1,200

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Close Associates:

Name:

DOB:

Address:

California Driver's  
License:

Name:

DOB:

Address:

California Driver's  
License:

On 8/16/94, U.S. Probation Officer [redacted] telephone number [redacted] telephonically advised that KEVIN POULSEN's four previous convictions for traffic warrants had been purged from the DMV computer. According to [redacted] the DMV records should not have been purged because these records should remain in the computer for ten years. [redacted] contacted [redacted] DMV Investigator, [redacted] informed [redacted] that these records should not have been deleted and he would pull all the logs to determine the identity of the individual who purged the records. [redacted] stated that it does appear suspicious because these records should remain in the computer for ten years.

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On 8/16/94, [redacted] Prosthetic Technician, DAW INDUSTRIES, (800) 242-8669, advised that they did not receive a request from JUSTIN PETERSEN, aka Eric Heinz, concerning a NKS100-1 prosthetic sleeve. [redacted] advised that a NKS100-1 is a knit-rite sleeve which is manufactured by the CASCADE CO., (800) 888-0865. [redacted] said this particular sleeve is very common and it is used widely among his 94 business clients. Same date, [redacted] advised they had not received a request for a NKS100-1 prosthetic sleeve from JUSTIN PETERSEN, aka Eric Heinz. [redacted] added they do not sell directly to the public.

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On 8/18/94, DMV Investigator [redacted] was contacted and asked to provide any information to FBI Los Angeles concerning the deletion of these records from the DMV computer. [redacted] advised that it would take approximately three months to determine the identity of the individual who purged these files because reviewing the logs is a tedious process.

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A CLETS check determined that JUSTIN PETERSEN's close friend [redacted] is currently residing at [redacted]  
[redacted] Los Angeles, California 90046. [redacted] also shows addresses at [redacted] Sherman Oaks, California, and his employment [redacted] Sherman Oaks, telephone number [redacted] and (818) 850-5483. [redacted] beeper number is [redacted] PIN Number [redacted] and his cellular number is [redacted]

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JUSTIN PETERSEN was previously known to be driving a early model blue BMW, license plate 3CPU645. A CLETS check determined that this particular vehicle, a 1979 BMW was sold to [redacted] Bell Gardens, California, on 4/22/94.

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SUBJECT: CHANGED; JUSTIN TANNER PETERSEN; KEVIN POULSEN;

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[REDACTED] IOC; OO: LOS ANGELES.

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ON AUGUST 29, 1994, SUBJECT PETERSEN ARRESTED IN LOS ANGELES WITHOUT INCIDENT. SAME DATE, PETERSEN APPEARED BEFORE U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE WILSON, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, AND A SENTENCING DATE WAS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 31, 1994. PETERSEN WAS REMANDED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE U.S. MARSHAL'S.

AT THE TIME OF ARREST, PETERSEN WAS DRIVING A 1985 BMW TWO-DOOR, TEXAS LICENSE BVX29R, REGISTERED TO T.K. ELECTRONICS, 10878 WEST HEIMER, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

HOUSTON AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, CONTACT T.K. ELECTRONICS AND DETERMINE OWNER OF BMW AND FORWARD RESULTS TO LOS ANGELES.

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# Computer criminal caught after 10 months on the run

By Keith Stone  
*Daily News Staff Writer*

Convicted computer criminal Justin Tanner Petersen was captured Monday in Los Angeles, 10 months after federal authorities said they discovered he had begun living a dual life as their informant and an outlaw hacker.

Petersen, 34, was arrested about 3:30 a.m. outside a Westwood apartment that FBI agents had placed under surveillance, said Assistant U.S. Attorney David

Schindler.

A flamboyant hacker known in the computer world as "Agent Steal," Petersen was being held without bail in the federal detention center in Los Angeles.

U.S. District Court Judge Stephen V. Wilson scheduled a sentencing hearing for Oct. 31.

Petersen faces a maximum of 40 years in prison for using his sophisticated computer skills to rig a radio contest in Los Angeles, tap tele-

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# FBI agents capture computer criminal

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years. They'll stop looking for me, or it will slow down immensely," he said.

"It is annoying that I can't see my old friends; I can't go to the Rainbow (Bar and Grill in Hollywood) and enjoy a lobster dinner at the front table," he said.

On Monday, FBI agents acting on a tip were waiting for Petersen when he parked a BMW at the Westwood apartment building. An FBI agent called Petersen's name, and Petersen began to run, Schindler said.

Two FBI agents gave chase and quickly caught Petersen, who has a prosthetic lower left leg because of a car-motorcycle accident several years ago.

Authorities said they later learned that Petersen had violated the deal by committing new crimes even as he was awaiting sentencing in the plea agreement.

The deal fell apart Oct. 22; Petersen admitted that he had not given up computer crime, but somehow managed to slip out of the federal courthouse in Los Angeles.

He then disappeared. Several weeks ago, a man who identified himself as Petersen called the Daily News from an undisclosed location. Petersen's mother later confirmed the caller was him.

Petersen said he was living comfortably outside the United States and working as a bartender. He predicted he wouldn't be caught.

"I think I'll have to run for two

years." He was wearing prison-issue denims and did not appear to have changed his appearance while on the lam, except that his shoulder-length hair was brown rather than dyed blond, as it had been.

His mother, Joanne Dvorak, said she has been in contact with Petersen but did not know he had been arrested.

"If he needs me, I am here," she said. "Maybe this will be a blessing in disguise. Who knows — maybe he will get all straightened out."

"I just don't understand everything that is going on. Why do people do things like that? I just thought he was helping people not doing bad things," she said.

Under Petersen's plea agreement, he faces a maximum prison sentence of 40 years and a fine of \$15 million and three years of supervised release.

Petersen's court-appointed attorney, Morton Boren, said he hopes the judge takes into account Petersen's cooperation with authorities. In April 1993, Petersen pleaded guilty to six federal charges including conspiracy, computer fraud, intercepting wire communications, transporting a stolen vehicle across state lines and wrongfully accessing TRW credit files.

Among the crimes that Petersen has admitted to was working with other people to seize control of telephone lines so they could win radio promotional contests. In 1989, Petersen used that trick and walked away with \$10,000 in prize money.

from an FM station, court records show.

When that and other misdeeds began to catch up with him, Petersen said, he fled to Dallas, where he assumed the alias Samuel Grossman and continued using computers to make money illegally.

In the summer of 1991 in Dallas, Petersen was pulled over driving a stolen Porsche and was arrested on charges that he had broken into credit bureau computers as part of a credit card scheme.

In the telephone interview several weeks ago, Petersen said his crimes victimized banks, not individuals.

"It wasn't losing any people any money. It was coming from the bank. I do have a conscience," he said.

"Computers have always been interesting to me; and if I can find a sneaky way to make a buck that is interesting and fun — that is fine," he said.

When he was finally arrested in 1991, Petersen said he played his last card.

"I called up the FBI and said: 'Guess what? I am in jail,'" he said.

He said he spent the next four months in prison, negotiating for his freedom, with the promise that he would act as an informant in Los Angeles.

The FBI paid his rent and utilities and gave him \$200 a week for spending money and medical insurance, Petersen said.

They also provided him with a computer and phone lines to gather information on hackers, he said.

Petersen pointed agents to the location of Kevin Lee Poulsen's computer. Poulsen was convicted in June of rigging radio station telephones to win Porsches, cash and a trip to Hawaii.

Poulsen, already in custody more than any other hacker, and now is awaiting trial in San Francisco on espionage charges that involve breaking into an Army computer network.

Coincidentally, on Monday a federal judge in Los Angeles denied a motion to unseal a plea agreement Poulsen had signed in the radio scheme conviction. But the judge allowed the agreement to be used in the San Francisco case if the judge there agreed.

Another computer hacker Petersen said he helped the FBI gather information on was Kevin Mitnick, a Calabasas man who was on probation for an earlier computer crime conviction.

Mitnick is a fugitive. Eventually, Petersen said, the FBI stopped supporting him; so he turned to his nightclub for income. But when that began to fail, he returned to hacking for profit.

"I was stuck out on a limb. I was almost out on the street. My club was costing me money, because it was a new club," he said. "So I did what I had to do. I am not a greedy person," Petersen said.

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## E AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

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United States District Court	DISTRICT <b>CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA</b>
United States of America vs.  A two-door, beige, BMW, Model 325e, Texas License Plate BVX29R	DOCKET NO. _____ MAGISTRATE'S CASE NO. _____
	NAME AND ADDRESS OF JUDGE <sup>1</sup> OR U.S. MAGISTRATE <b>STEPHEN J. HILLMAN UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA</b>

The undersigned being duly sworn deposes and says: That there is reason to believe that

on the person of     on the premises known as

DISTRICT  
**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

SEE ATTACHMENT A.

The following property (or person) is concealed:

SEE ATTACHMENT B.

Affiant alleges the following grounds for search and seizure<sup>2</sup> ..

which are the fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029, Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030, Title 18, United States Code, Section 1071 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 3146.

See attached affidavit which is incorporated as part of this affidavit for search warrant

Affiant states the following facts establishing the foregoing grounds for issuance of a Search Warrant

**(SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT WHICH IS INCORPORATED AS PART OF THIS AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT)**

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT	OFFICIAL TITLE, IF ANY
	<b>SPECIAL AGENT - FBI</b>

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Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence:

DATE

AUGUST 30, 1994.

JUDGE<sup>1</sup> OR US MAGISTRATE

**STEPHEN J. HILLMAN**

<sup>1</sup>United States Judge or Judge of a State Court of Record.

<sup>2</sup>If a search is to be authorized "at any time in the day or night" pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 41(c), show reasonable cause therefor.

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ATTACHMENT A

The automobile to be searched is described as follows: a two-door, BMW, model 325e, beige in color, bearing Texas license plate BVX29R. The automobile has a dent in the left front fender.

ATTACHMENT B

The following records, documents and items are to be seized which constitutes fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of the crimes of computer fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1030, and fraud and related activity in connection with access devices in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029, concealing a person from arrest in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1071, and failing to appear after release on bail, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 3146:

- a. Any information, printed or otherwise, referring to credit card account numbers, credit card authorization codes, social security numbers or other information pertaining to access devices;
- b. Any documents constituting means of identification, including but not limited to birth certificates, driver's licenses, social security cards, or state identification cards.
- c. Records or other documentary evidence indicating the location of Mr. Petersen's residence during the time he has been a fugitive as well as the identity of any person's who may have aided him during the period he was a fugitive;
- d. Information and/or data stored in the form of magnetic or electronic coding on computer media or on media capable of being read by a computer or with the aid of computer related equipment, including, but not limited to, floppy diskettes, fixed hard disks, removable hard disk cartridges, tapes, laser disks, video cassettes, and any other media which is capable of storing magnetic coding; any and all electronic

devices which are capable of analyzing, creating, displaying, converting, or transmitting electronic or magnetic computer impulses or data, including, but not limited to, computers, computer components, computer peripherals, word processing equipment, modems, monitors, printers, plotters, encryption circuit boards, optical scanners, external hard drives, and other computer related electronic devices; and any and all instructions or programs stored in the form interpreted by a computer or related components, including, but not limited to, operating systems, application software, utility programs, compilers, interpreters, and any other programs or software used to communicate with computer hardware or peripherals either directly or indirectly via telephone lines, radio, or other means of transmission; and any and all written or printed material which provides instructions or examples concerning the operation of a computer system, computer software, and/or any related device.

A F F I D A V I T

I, STANLEY E. ORNELLAS, being duly sworn, hereby depose and say:

1. I am a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been so employed for more than eighteen (18) years. I am currently assigned to the Los Angeles Division of the FBI. I am the case agent on the instant matter. I make this affidavit in support of a search warrant for a two door BMW, model 325e, Automobile, beige in color, bearing Texas license plate BVX29R ("the Automobile").

2. Based on the facts set forth in this affidavit, there is probable cause to believe that the Automobile contains evidence of credit card fraud and/or computer fraud committed by Justin Tanner Petersen ("Petersen") and other individuals not yet identified, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1029 (fraudulent access devices), 1030 (computer fraud), 1071 (concealing a person from arrest) and 3146 (failure to appear after release on bail).

3. In or about July 1992, Petersen pleaded guilty to multiple felony counts of computer fraud, credit card fraud, interception of wire communications, and conspiracy before the Honorable Stephen V. Wilson, United States District Judge, as part of a plea and cooperation agreement with the government. As part of his plea and cooperation agreement, Petersen was obligated not to commit any additional crimes. Mr. Petersen was released on bail pending sentencing.

4. On or about October 22, 1993, I was present in an

interview with Mr. Petersen and his lawyer at the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles. The purpose of the interview was to confront Mr. Petersen with allegations that he had engaged in additional criminal activity while out on bail pursuant to his plea agreement.

5. During the interview, Petersen was asked if he had engaged in any criminal activity while out on bail. He was specifically asked if he had been using credit cards issued to other individuals. Petersen admitted that he had, in fact, been using other people's credit cards.

6. At that point, Petersen asked to speak with his lawyer alone. Petersen and his lawyer then stepped outside and indicated they would return shortly. Petersen then fled the United States Courthouse.

7. On or about October 22, 1993, I was present in court when the Honorable Stephen V. Wilson issued a no-bail bench warrant for Mr. Petersen's arrest for violating the terms and conditions of his release.

8. I have conducted numerous prior interviews with Petersen as part of his plea and cooperation agreement. During these interviews, Petersen provided information relating to the period prior to September 1991, where he:

- a. Described how he would engage in unauthorized intrusions into various computers in order to obtain credit card numbers and credit profiles belonging to other individuals;
- b. Admitted to stealing mail as a means of obtaining

legitimate credit card numbers and/or information about other individuals which Petersen would then use to fraudulently obtain credit cards;

c. Described how he evaded apprehension by law enforcement agents by using sophisticated electronic equipment to engage counter surveillance and how he used computer equipment to call forward telephone calls in order to thwart the use of traditional means of tracing telephone calls.

9. Between October 22, 1993 and August 29, 1994, Mr. Petersen evaded capture.

10. On or about August 29, 1994, I arrested Mr. Petersen pursuant to the warrant issued by Judge Wilson on October 22, 1993. At the time of his arrest, Mr. Petersen was approaching the Automobile and was in possession of numerous items including: (a) car keys to the Automobile; (b) a fraudulent Texas driver's license in the name of Nicolas Forbes and bearing Petersen's picture; (c) a handcuff key; and (d) numerous credit cards which had been altered. However, Mr. Petersen was not carrying any documents or other evidence which might have revealed where he was living during the past 9 months.

11. Immediately following his arrest, I asked Mr. Petersen for permission to search the Automobile. Although he initially consented to the search, he then asked that the search take place quickly and that I return the keys to his companion.

12. Because of the mobile nature of the Automobile, and because of the ambiguous scope of Mr. Petersen's consent, I

arranged to have the vehicle impounded pending application for this warrant.

13. Based on the foregoing, I believe the Automobile may contain the following evidence which constitutes fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of the crimes of computer fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1030, and fraud and related activity in connection with access devices in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029, concealing a person from arrest in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1071, and failing to appear after release on bail, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 3146:

- a. Any information, printed or otherwise, referring to credit card account numbers, credit card authorization codes, social security numbers or other information pertaining to access devices;
- b. Any documents constituting means of identification, including but not limited to birth certificates, driver's licenses, social security cards, or state identification cards.
- c. Records or other documentary evidence indicating the location of Mr. Petersen's residence during the time he has been a fugitive as well as the identity of any person's who may have aided him during the period he was a fugitive;
- d. Information and/or data stored in the form of magnetic or electronic coding on computer media or on media capable of being read by a computer or with the aid of computer related equipment, including, but not limited to, floppy

diskettes, fixed hard disks, removable hard disk cartridges, tapes, laser disks, video cassettes, and any other media which is capable of storing magnetic coding; any and all electronic devices which are capable of analyzing, creating, displaying, converting, or transmitting electronic or magnetic computer impulses or data, including, but not limited to, computers, computer components, computer peripherals, word processing equipment, modems, monitors, printers, plotters, encryption circuit boards, optical scanners, external hard drives, and other computer related electronic devices; and any and all instructions or programs stored in the form interpreted by a computer or related components, including, but not limited to, operating systems, application software, utility programs, compilers, interpreters, and any other programs or software used to communicate with computer hardware or peripherals either directly or indirectly via telephone lines, radio, or other means of transmission; and any and all written or printed material which provides instructions or examples concerning the

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operation of a computer system, computer software, and/or any related device.

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STANLEY E. ORNELLAS  
Special Agent -- FBI

Sworn and subscribed to  
before me on this 30 day  
of August, 1994 at  
Los Angeles, California

**STEPHEN J. HILLMAN**

HONORABLE STEPHEN J. HILLMAN  
United States Magistrate-Judge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Receipt for Property Received/Returned/Released/Seized

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item(s) listed below were:  
 Received From  
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(Name) 1985 BMW(Street Address) Texas Plate BXVX29R

(City) \_\_\_\_\_

Description of  
Item(s):

- ① Calif License Plate 3EWB299 10/94 exp
- ② Calif License Plate 2JWG233 7/93
- ③ Texas License Plate BXVX29R
- ④ 1 Black Leather case containing 198M PS 1 Note  
425 laptop computer Serial # 23UN5460
- ⑤ 1600 Touch Luminator Model EL-4 S# 4100-6281
- ⑥ White canvas Bag with Misc. Electrical Tools
- ⑦ Iron Scanner S# 117602
- ⑧ 2 Motorola Walkie Talkie Radios P10
- ⑨ Misc document relating to car insurance & TK Electronics
- ⑩ Manila Envelope addressed to Michael Forbes, 418411  
King St. #17 Huntington Beach, CA
- ⑪ Program Entry Card, Senter Systems, Glendale, CA
- ⑫ 1 3x5 Spiral notebook w/ red cover
- ⑬ Calif DL #133459198 Darrell Eugene Martin  
1628 Iowa St. Unit C, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- ⑭ Radio Shack CB Player Model 21-1520 S# 1N528
- ⑮ Black T-shirt w/ CHP patch w/ name of Los Angeles
- ⑯ Black Hat w/ CHP patch
- ⑰ Police Radio Frequency Guide
- ⑱ Realistic Pro-43 Scanner S# 047758
- ⑲ 1 Tool belt w/ Police Equipment Tools

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription

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On August 31, 1994, [REDACTED]  
Oakwood Apartments, 880 Irvine Avenue, Newport Beach, California,  
telephone number (714) 722-5555, provided the following documents  
concerning JUSTIN PETERSEN, also known as (aka) Nicholas Jason  
Forbes:

1. A xerox copy of a Texas driver's license concerning NICHOLAS JASON FORBES, 10001 Westpark 45, Houston, Texas, and PETERSEN's picture appeared on the license.
2. A document entitled "Application for Deposit Refund" concerning an initial security deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a refund of twenty-five dollars (\$25) to NICHOLAS FORBES, 201 East 16th Street, Costa Mesa, California.
3. A 1993 W-2 Wage and Tax Statement concerning NICHOLAS J. FORBES, 1301 Stanley Hills Drive, Los Angeles, California. The W-2 Form indicated that PETERSEN allegedly worked for DAVID LAWRENCE EDITIONS, 9507 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, and his earnings were Twenty-nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-five and 23/100 Dollars (\$29,485.23). PETERSEN also provided an employee identification number of 95-2795620 and a social security account number of 546-85-1028.
4. A document entitled "Credit Application" signed by NICHOLAS FORBES.
5. A document entitled "Application for a Deposit Refund" dated July 12, 1994 and the refund check is to be mailed to NICHOLAS

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by SA [REDACTED] dw Date dictated 8/31/94

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FORBES, 201 East 16th Street, Apartment A,  
Costa Mesa, California.

6. A xerox copy of a Oakwood Garden  
Apartment check number 009997 dated July 12,  
1994 in the amount of Twenty-five Dollars  
(\$25) payable to NICHOLAS FORBES, 201 East  
16th Street, Costa Mesa, California.

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7. An Oakwood initial registration form  
completed by PETERSEN utilizing the name  
NICHOLAS FORBES, 1301 Stanley Hills, Los  
Angeles, telephone number (310) 278-0882 and  
PETERSEN listed his company name as DAVID  
LAWRENCE EDITIONS.

## AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

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United States District Court	DISTRICT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
United States of America vs.  201 EAST 16TH STREET, APARTMENT A, AND THE GARAGE CONNECTED TO APARTMENT A, COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA	DOCKET NO.  NAME AND ADDRESS OF JUDGE <sup>1</sup> OR US MAGISTRATE <sup>2</sup> HON. JOSEPH REICHMANN U.S. COURTHOUSE 312 N. SPRING STREET LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<p>The undersigned being duly sworn deposes and says: That there is reason to believe that</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> on the person of    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> on the premises known as</p> <p>DISTRICT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA</p>	

SEE ATTACHMENT/A

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SEE ATTACHMENT/B

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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
BY CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPUTYAffiant alleges the following grounds for search and seizure<sup>2</sup>

WHICH ARE THE FRUITS, INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND EVIDENCE OF VIOLATION OF TITLE 18,  
UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1029, TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1030,  
TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1071 AND TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 3146.

 See attached affidavit which is incorporated as part of this affidavit for search warrant

Affiant states the following facts establishing the foregoing grounds for issuance of a Search Warrant

(SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT WHICH IS INCORPORATED AS PART OF THIS AFFIDAVIT  
FOR SEARCH WARRANT).

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT	OFFICIAL TITLE, IF ANY
	SPECIAL AGENT - FBI 13AC-LA-137588-270 b6 b7c
Says so before me, and subscribed in my presence: DATE	
SEPTEMBER 2, 1994	JUDGE <sup>1</sup> OR US MAGISTRATE JOSEPH REICHMANN

<sup>1</sup>United States Judge or Judge of a State Court of Record.<sup>2</sup>If a search is to be authorized "at any time in the day or night" pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 41(c), show reasonable cause therefor.

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ATTACHMENT A

The Premises are described as follows: 201 East 16th Street, Apartment A, is a single-story stucco building, beige in color with brown trim. Apartment A is one of four units located at 201 East 16th Street. Apartment A is a separate unit. However, another unit extends over the top of the garage connected to Apartment A. The Premises are located on the northeastern corner of the intersection of East 16th Street and Orange Avenue. There is a brown door on the northern side of the Apartment with the numbers "201", brown in color, above the door. There is a second door, brown in color, on the south side of the Apartment with the letter "A" above it. The second door to the Apartment is accessible through a brown colored gate located on the western side of the property housing the Premises. The gate leads to an interior courtyard which provides access to the other units located on the property as well as to the second door leading to the Apartment. The garage to Apartment A is located due east of the unit and is connected to Apartment A. The garage door has a padlock on it.

ATTACHMENT B

The following records, documents and items are to be seized which constitutes fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of the crimes of computer fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1030, and fraud and related activity in connection with access devices in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029, concealing a person from arrest in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1071, and failing to appear after release on bail, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 3146:

a. Any information, printed or otherwise, referring to credit card account numbers, credit card authorization codes, social security numbers or other information pertaining to access devices;

b. Any documents constituting means of identification, including but not limited to birth certificates, driver's licenses, social security cards, or state identification cards.

c. Records or other documentary evidence indicating the location of Mr. Petersen's residence during the time he has been a fugitive as well as the identity of any persons who may have aided him during the period he was a fugitive;

d. Information and/or data stored in the form of magnetic or electronic coding on computer media or on media capable of being read by a computer or with the aid of computer related equipment, including, but not limited to, floppy diskettes, fixed hard disks, removable hard disk cartridges, tapes, laser disks, video cassettes, and any other media which is capable of storing magnetic coding; any and all electronic

devices which are capable of analyzing, creating, displaying, converting, or transmitting electronic or magnetic computer impulses or data, including, but not limited to, computers, computer components, computer peripherals, word processing equipment, modems, monitors, printers, plotters, encryption circuit boards, optical scanners, external hard drives, and other computer related electronic devices; and any and all instructions or programs stored in the form interpreted by a computer or related components, including, but not limited to, operating systems, application software, utility programs, compilers, interpreters, and any other programs or software used to communicate with computer hardware or peripherals either directly or indirectly via telephone lines, radio, or other means of transmission; and any and all written or printed material which provides instructions or examples concerning the operation of a computer system, computer software, and/or any related device.

A F F I D A V I T

I, Stanley E. Ornellas, being duly sworn, hereby depose and say:

1. I am a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been so employed for more than eighteen (18) years. I am currently assigned to the Los Angeles Division of the FBI. I am the case agent on the instant matter. I make this affidavit in support of a search warrant for 201 East 16th Street, Apartment A, Costa Mesa, California and the garage connected to Apartment A (together referred to hereafter as "the Premises").

2. The Premises are described as follows: 201 East 16th Street, Apartment A, is a single-story stucco building, beige in color with brown trim. Apartment A is one of four units located at 201 East 16th Street. Apartment A is a separate unit. However, another unit extends over the top of the garage connected to Apartment A. The Premises are located on the northeastern corner of the intersection of East 16th Street and Orange Avenue. There is a brown door on the northern side of the Apartment with the numbers "201", brown in color, above the door. There is a second door, brown in color, on the south side of the Apartment with the letter "A" above it. The second door to the Apartment is accessible through a brown colored gate located on the western side of the property housing the Premises. The gate leads to an interior courtyard which provides access to the other units located on the property as well as to the second door.

leading to the Apartment. The garage to Apartment A is located due east of the unit and is connected to Apartment A. The garage door has a padlock on it.

3. Based on the facts set forth in this affidavit, there is probable cause to believe that the Premises contain evidence of credit card fraud and/or computer fraud committed by Justin Tanner Petersen ("Petersen") and other individuals not yet identified, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029 (Fraudulent Access Devices), 1030 (Computer Fraud), 1071 (Concealing A Person From Arrest) and 3146 (Failure To Appear After Release On Bail).

4. In or about July 1992, Petersen pleaded guilty to multiple felony counts of computer fraud, credit card fraud, interception of wire communications, and conspiracy before the Honorable Stephen V. Wilson, United States District Judge, as part of a plea and cooperation agreement with the government. As part of his plea and cooperation agreement, Petersen was obligated not to commit any additional crimes. Mr. Petersen was released on bail pending sentencing.

5. On or about October 22, 1993, I was present in an interview with Mr. Petersen and his lawyer at the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles. The purpose of the interview was to confront Mr. Petersen with allegations that he had engaged in additional criminal activity while out on bail pursuant to his plea agreement.

6. During the interview, Petersen was asked if he had engaged in any criminal activity while out on bail. He was specifically asked if he had been using credit cards issued to other individuals. Petersen admitted that he had, in fact, been using other people's credit cards.

7. At that point, Petersen asked to speak with his lawyer alone. Petersen and his lawyer then stepped outside and indicated they would return shortly. Petersen then fled the United States Courthouse.

8. On or about October 22, 1993, I was present in court when the Honorable Stephen V. Wilson issued a no-bail bench warrant for Mr. Petersen's arrest for violating the terms and conditions of his release.

9. I have conducted numerous prior interviews with Petersen as part of his plea and cooperation agreement. During these interviews, Petersen provided information relating to the period prior to September 1991, where he:

a. Described how he would engage in unauthorized intrusions into various computers in order to obtain credit card numbers and credit profiles belonging to other individuals;

b. Admitted to stealing mail as a means of obtaining legitimate credit card numbers and/or information about other individuals which Petersen would then use to fraudulently obtain credit cards;

c. Described how he evaded apprehension by law enforcement agents by using sophisticated electronic equipment to engage counter surveillance and how he used computer equipment to call forward telephone calls in order to thwart the use of traditional means of tracing telephone calls.

10. Between October 22, 1993 and August 29, 1994, Mr. Petersen evaded capture.

11. On or about August 29, 1994, I arrested Mr. Petersen pursuant to the warrant issued by Judge Wilson on October 22, 1993. At the time of his arrest, Mr. Petersen was approaching a 1985 BMW, Texas license 2VX29R and was in possession of numerous items including: Car keys to the 1985 BMW; a fraudulent Texas driver's license in the name of Nicholas Forbes and bearing Petersen's picture; a handcuff key; a master postal carrier key which allows a postal carrier to open mail boxes located at apartment buildings; numerous credit cards which had been altered; and a key to a padlock which appears to match the padlock on the garage door to Apartment A. Mr. Petersen was carrying a business card from the Oakwood Apartments, 880 Irvine Avenue, Newport Beach, California.

12. Pursuant to a search warrant issued by United States Magistrate-Judge Hillman, on or about August 30, 1994, I searched a 1985 BMW, Texas license 2VX29R. Inside I found a California driver's license issued to Darrell Eugene Martin on June 3, 1994 at 1628 Iowa Street Unit C, Costa Mesa, California.

13. On or about August 31, 1994, I spoke to Tiffany Forney, Oakwood Apartments, Newport Beach. Forney said that an individual who identified himself as Nicholas Forbes completed a credit application and application for deposit refund on July 12, 1994. Forney said that Forbes provided an address of 201 East 16th Street, Apartment A, Costa Mesa. A twenty-five Dollar (\$25.00) refund was mailed to that address.

14. Tiffany Forney positively identified a photograph of Justin Petersen as being the person she knew as Nicholas Forbes.

15. On or about August 31, 1994, I traveled to 201 East 16th Street in Costa Mesa. From the outside of Apartment A, I looked through a window and observed, in plain view, a computer system, a letter addressed to "Eric" lying on the floor, and a photograph of Petersen sitting on a bureau just below the window. From my numerous dealings with Petersen, I know that "Eric" is an alias used by Petersen.

16. On or about September 2, 1994, I spoke to Terry Combs, who told me the following:

a. She lives at Apartment B at 201 East 16th Street;

b. The garage to Apartment A is located directly east of Apartment A and is connected to Apartment A.

17. Based on the foregoing, I believe the Premises may contain the following evidence which constitutes fruits,

instrumentalities, and evidence of the crimes of computer fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1030, and fraud and related activity in connection with access devices in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029, concealing a person from arrest in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1071, and failing to appear after release on bail, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 3146:

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d. Information and/or data stored in the form of magnetic or electronic coding on computer media or on media capable of being read by a computer or with the aid of computer related equipment, including, but not limited to, floppy diskettes, fixed hard disks, removable hard disk cartridges, tapes, laser disks, video cassettes, and any other media which is

capable of storing magnetic coding; any and all electronic devices which are capable of analyzing, creating, displaying, converting, or transmitting electronic or magnetic computer impulses or data, including, but not limited to, computers, computer components, computer peripherals, word processing equipment, modems, monitors, printers, plotters, encryption circuit boards, optical scanners, external hard drives, and other computer related electronic devices; and any and all instructions or programs stored in the form interpreted by a computer or related components, including, but not limited to, operating systems, application software, utility programs, compilers, interpreters, and any other programs or software used to communicate with computer hardware or peripherals either directly or indirectly via telephone lines, radio, or other means of transmission; and any and all written or printed material which provides instructions or examples concerning the operation of a computer system, computer software, and/or any related device.

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Special Agent Stanley E. Ornella  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Los Angeles, California

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 2nd day of  
September, 1994.

JOSEPH REICHMANN

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Honorable Joseph Reichmann  
United States Magistrate-Judge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Receipt for Property Received/Returned/Released/Seized

Page 1 of 1On (date) 9/2/94(Name) (Street Address) (City) Costa Mesa, Ca.

item(s) listed below were:

- Received From  
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Item(s):

- 1 - 3M Bux Laser Printer Film
- 2 - ANON Typewriter Typestar 220  
Serial # S B 204 2901
- 3 - IBM Computer Keyboard  
Id No 0046208
- 4 - Paper Cutter (Boston Trimmer)
- 5 - Paper Shredder (Achiever)
- 6 - ICOM Scanner Serial # 11761
- 7 - SMART Modem 1200  
A 06200153227

Bedroom

- 1 - Computer Keyboard S/N 12910319793
- 2 - MGC Monitor Model 1402 S 9052753
- 3 - OKIDATA PRINTER S/N 202A0092615
- 4 - Miscellaneous WIRES & JACKS

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